

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 07/26/07

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Mayor Wynn: GOOD MORNING. I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN, AND IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME FATHER BARRY CABELL FROM ST. PAUL'S CHURCH WHO WILL LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION. PLEASE RISE.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. LET US PRAY. MOST GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, WE COME TOGETHER TODAY TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AND TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ORDER FOR WHICH WE CAN LIVE OUR LIVES IN SAFETY AND PEACE. YOU ARE OUR GOD OF ORDER. YOU ARE OUR GOD OF LAW. WE PRAY THAT YOUR DEVINE LAW MAY BE THE ROOT OF ALL THAT WE DO. GIVE US THE WISDOM TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT. GIVE US THE RESOLVE TO PRESUME WHAT IS RIGHT. GIVE US THE COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MAKE OUR CITY A MODEL OF GOODNESS AND JUSTICE. WITH YOUR HELP EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. WE NEED ONLY SET OUR SIGHTS HIGH. GRACIOUS GOD, BE WITH US TODAY. AMEN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FATHER BARRY. THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I'LL CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. IT IS THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007, WE'RE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. IT'S APPROXIMATELY 10:17 A.M. WE'VE A HANDFUL OF CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S 2 POSTED AGENDA. THEY ARE ON ITEM NUMBER 7, WE NEED TO STRIKE THE PHRASE "AUTHORIZE THE REVISION" AND INSERT THE

PHRASE "APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVISION." THIS IS THE FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING THE BCCP PRESERVE. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, WE NEED TO INSERT THE WORD "NET" SO THE REIMBURSEMENTS FROM CAPCOG IS THE NET AMOUNT OF \$320,899 AND \$7,000 RESPECTIVELY. ITEM NUMBER 27 IS POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 30th. ACTUALLY, COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THIS IS A STAFF RECOMMENDED POSTPONEMENT OF -- AND ITEM 27 TO AUGUST 30th. I WOULD LIKE TO, WITHOUT OBJECTION, REQUEST THAT POSTPONEMENT BE ONLY FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS, THAT BEING TO AUGUST 9, 2007. IF NEED BE, WE COULD POSTPONE FOR TWO MORE WEEKS. ITEM NUMBER 27 WILL BE POSTPONED TO AUGUST 9, 2007. ON ITEM NUMBER 30, WE SHOULD NOTE IT HAS NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN. ON ITEM NUMBER 40, WE NEED TO CORRECT THE PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION AND SO THE NEW PARTICIPATION PERCENTAGES WILL BE INSTEAD OF 4.1% WILL BE 9.28% MBE, AND INSTEAD OF 6.1%, IT WILL BE 10.84% WBE. THESE ARE THE SUBCONSULTANT PARTICIPATION RATES. ON ITEM NUMBER 110, WE NEED TO INSERT THE DESIGNATION MIXED USE AND SO THEREFORE THE ZONING WILL BE GO-MU-CO. AND AGAIN, INSERTING MIXED USE DESIGNATION SO THAT THE SECOND PART OF ZONING WILL BE LO-MU-CO. THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 110. 3 ON ITEM NUMBER 120, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL REVIEW THIS CASE ON AUGUST 14th, 2007. SO THERE'S TECHNICALLY NOT A PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION, OBVIOUSLY. THEN ITEMS NUMBER 127, 128, 129 AND 130 WE HAD A SLIGHT ERROR IN OUR ORIGINAL POSTING OF THIS AGENDA. AND SO WE'RE GOING TO PULL THOSE FOUR ITEMS OFF THE AGENDA. WE'VE POSTED APPROPRIATELY A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND SO WE WILL TAKE UP THOSE FOUR ITEMS, 127 THROUGH 130, AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ALSO AT 4:00 TODAY. SO AS A WAY TO CORRECT AN ERROR THAT WE HAD IN POSTING. SO TECHNICALLY THOSE FOUR ITEMS WILL NOT BE ON THIS AGENDA. WE'LL TAKE IT UP IN A SEPARATE MEETING BEGINNING AT 4:00 TODAY. OUR SCHEDULE TODAY, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION, ITEM NUMBER 78 IS RECORDING THE NAMING OF TOWN LAKE AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE A NICE CROWD HERE INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE JOHNSON

FAMILY TO TAKE UP THAT ITEM. WE'LL DO THAT JUST BEFORE WE GO TO OUR NOON GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION SESSION. AT 1:00, FOLLOWING OUR LUNCH BREAK, WILL BE THE TIME FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO PROPOSE HER FISCAL YEAR '07-08 BUDGET. IT'S A LENGTHY BUDGET SUMMARY PRESENTATION THAT WILL TAKE US THROUGH MOST OF THE AFTERNOON. AT 4:00 WE THEN GO TO OUR ZONING HEARINGS, APPROVAL OF 4 ORDINANCES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. AT 5:30, LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. OUR MUSICIAN ARE WE ON THE CHORUS GROUP. AT 6:00, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS. SO FAR, COUNCIL, ONLY ITEMS NUMBER 23 AND ITEMS NUMBER 78 HAVE BEEN PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SO I'LL WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PULLED AT THIS TIME. HEARING NONE, THEN I WILL READ THROUGH OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA NUMERICALLY. AND THIS CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE TO APPROVE ITEMS NUMBER 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, UTILITY ITEMS, ITEMS 6, 7 AND 8. OUR AVIATION DEPARTMENT ITEM NUMBER 9. BUDGET ITEM NUMBER 10. OUR ITEMS FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 11, 12, 13, 14 AND 15. FROM OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ITEM NUMBER 16. FROM OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ITEM 17. FROM OUR LAW DEPARTMENT, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEMS 18, 19, 20 AND 21. FROM OUR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEM 22. FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING -- SORRY, FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEM 24. AGAIN, ITEM 23 IS PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. FROM OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEMS 25, 26 AND 27. WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEM NUMBER 5 28 FOR OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH INCLUDES ESSENTIALLY THE CLASSIFICATION FOR THOSE ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF SPOTS THAT WE ANTICIPATE THE CHIEF FILLING US IN. FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEMS 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 AND 41. FROM OUR PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEMS 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70. AND 71. OBVIOUSLY WHEN WE DON'T HAVE A CITY COUNCIL FOR

ABOUT A MONTH, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PURCHASING ITEMS STAFF NEEDS TO GET OUR APPROVAL ON. FROM OUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, ITEM NUMBER 72 WILL BE PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. OUR TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS ITEM NUMBER 73. FROM OUR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 74, 75 AND 76 WILL BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. OUR ITEMS FROM COUNCIL START WITH ITEM NUMBER 77, WHICH ARE OUR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. FOR THE RECORD, THOSE WILL BE, TO THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, JIM HOWARDSON IS MY REAPPOINTMENT. TO OUR CHILD CARE COUNCIL, KIM STYLES IS A CONSENSUS APPOINTMENT AND SHE IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHILD CARE LICENSING SUPERVISOR, 6 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES. TO OUR COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, MOLLY BARKER IS MAYOR PRO-TEM DUNKERLEY'S APPOINTMENT. TO THE ELECTRIC BOARD, GILBERT FERALES IS MY REAPPOINTMENT. AND TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD, DAVID ANDERSON IS MY REAPPOINTMENT. TO OUR OCCUPANCY LIMITS TASK FORCE, JENNIFER BURNER IS COUNCILMEMBER COLE'S APPOINTMENT. TONY ANN FOSTER IS COUNCILMEMBER McCracken's APPOINT. TO OUR PLANNING COMMISSION, PAULA HUE, PAULA IS COUNCILMEMBER KIM'S APPOINTMENT. TO OUR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, RICHARD AMADO IS MY REAPPOINTMENT. TO OUR SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION, RICK COVER IS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL'S REAPPOINTMENT, AND TRACY SOSO MY REAPPOINTMENT. TO OUR WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION, LAURA RAN IS MY APPOINTMENT. THAT'S NUMBER 77. ITEM 78 WILL BE TAKEN UP HERE IN A FEW MINUTES SO IT WILL NOT BE TECHNICALLY ON OUR CONSENT AGENDA. BUT ITEMS 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 AND 85 WILL BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. WE'LL BE SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ITEMS NUMBER 86, 87, 88, 89 AND 90. AS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. MS. TERRY.

MARTHA TERRY, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE 2 CONSENT AGENDA REFLECTS AGENDA ITEM 27 IS BEING POSTPONED TO AUGUST 7 THE 9th.

Mayor Wynn: CORRECT.

THANK YOU, SIR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON THAT PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PROPOSED. COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: MAYOR, ITEM NUMBER 39 REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE CITY'S SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH THE -- IT'S AN ITEM FOR APPROVAL FOR PERMITTING AND DESIGN OF A RECYCLING FACILITY AND MURF FACILITY. I HAVE ONE QUESTION BIT AND I WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FROM SOLID WASTE TO VERY BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THAT PROGRAM. MY QUESTION IS GOING TO BE -- I SEE MR. RHOADES COMING FORWARD. THERE HAS BEEN A LITTLE BIT OF CONTROVERSY OVER A NUMBER OF FIRMS THAT COMPETED FOR THIS CONTRACT THAT WERE ELIMINATED, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE A PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF THAT PROCESS AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. RHOADES.

GOOD MORNING. WILLIE RHOADES, DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES. COUNCIL, THIS ITEM IS TO ENGAGE A CONSULTANT COMPANY TO DESIGN A MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IT WILL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE ALL IN ONE RECYCLING PROGRAM. AS COUNCIL REMEMBERS, SEVERAL 8 YEARS AGO I CAME BEFORE COUNCIL TALKING ABOUT THE ALL IN ONE RECYCLING PROGRAM AND OUTLINING A TIME LINE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. THIS PROJECT IS [INAUDIBLE] BECAUSE OF SEVERAL THINGS. WE COULD NOT FIND A LOCATION FOR THE FACILITY, BUT WE FINALLY FOUND THE LOCATION THAT WE'RE GOING TO UTILIZE, CITY OF AUSTIN 812 LANDFILL. THIS ITEM WILL BE FOR THE CONSULTANT TO DESIGN THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY, TO WORK WITH US ON GETTING EQUIPMENT TO GO INTO THERE. IT'S ALSO TO DESIGN A FLEET SHOP AND ADMINISTRATIVE SHOP FOR EMPLOYEES WILL BE OUT THERE. AND SOME MORE

ACCESSORIES AND MATERIAL WILL BE OUT THERE AT THE FACILITY. IT'S A BIG ENDEAVOR, BUT I THINK IT'S THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP AS WE MOVE THROUGH OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM. THIS ITEM WAS PUT OUT FOR PROPOSAL ON THIS. ONLY TWO PROPOSALS CAME IN. ONE OF THE PROPOSALS DID NOT MEET THE CITY OF AUSTIN -- ALL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN REQUIREMENTS AND SO WE WENT WITH THE COMPANY THAT MET ALL THE CITY OF AUSTIN REQUIREMENTS ON THIS. IF YOU HAVE ANY DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS, WE'LL GET SOMEBODY ELSE UP HERE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. BUT FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES, THIS IS THE NEXT STEP IN OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM AND WE THINK IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH.

I THINK IT IS SIGNIFICANT.

Leffingwell: AND AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE ESTIMATED 9 TIME THAT THIS FACILITY WILL BE IN OPERATION WILL BE DECEMBER OF 2008?

THAT'S SOMETHING WE ARE HOPING WE CAN WORK WITH THE CONSULTANT ON GETTING US THERE. WE HAVE LOOKED AT SOME TIME LINES AND EXAMINED SOME TIME LINES AND WE HOPE THAT THE CONSULTANT WITH AGREE ON OUR ESTIMATE OF DECEMBER 2008.

Leffingwell: WE'LL HOPE FOR THAT BECAUSE IF WE DON'T MAKE IT THEN, IT WILL BE DECEMBER 2009.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?
COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: ON ITEM 23, I PULLED THAT ITEM BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN INFORMATION THAT'S COME FORWARD THIS LAST WEEK THAT I WOULD LIKE FOLKS TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS AND FOR SOME MORE OF THAT INFORMATION TO TRY TO GET CLEARED UP TODAY. SO WHAT I'M ASKING FOR IS SIMPLY A 6:00 P.M. TIME CERTAIN BECAUSE MANY OF THE FOLKS WHO HAVE BROUGHT SOME INFORMATION FORWARD TO MY OFFICE AND HAVE TALKED TO US THIS WEEK ARE AT WORK TODAY. AND THEY WOULD

LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM.

Mayor Wynn: IN FACT, COUNCILMEMBER, SINCE YESTERDAY WE'VE ALREADY HAD ABOUT 23 PEOPLE SIGNING UP WISHING TO SPEAK. THAT'S ABOUT AN HOUR'S WORTH OF TESTIMONY. MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE, FRANKLY, WITHOUT HAVING TO DECLARE A TIME CERTAIN, WE WON'T TAKE THIS UP UNTIL AFTER A NUMBER OF THE ZONING CASES IN ORDER FOR FOLKS TO BE HERE 10 AFTER WORK.

Martinez: THANK YOU. THERE WAS A COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS I WANTED TO BRIEFLY MAKE A COMMENT ON. ONE IS ITEM 79, RENAMING BERGMAN AVENUE TO JESSE SEGOVIA. HE WORKED AT THAT TIME TO HELP FOLKS WHO WANTED TO STAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, MAINTAIN THEIR HOMES AND BE A PART OF THAT COMMUNITY, AND UNFORTUNATELY WE STILL STRUGGLE WITH SOME OF THE SAME THINGS HE STRUGGLED WITH IN PRESERVING THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT WE HAVE 100% AGREEMENT ON BERGMAN AVENUE TO RENAME THIS AFTER MR. SEGOVIA. I BELIEVE ONE OF HIS CHILDREN IS HERE TODAY, HIS SON. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM AND THANK THEM FOR BRINGING THIS TO US AND ALLOWING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR YOUR HUSBAND FOR THE WORK AND THE TIME THAT HE GAVE TO THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN AND SPECIFICALLY EAST AUSTIN. SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO SAY ANYTHING, I WOULD BE GLAD TO ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT. IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH THE MAYOR. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE THE SEGOVIA FAMILY HERE. [APPLAUSE]

IF YOU AND YOUR SON WOULD PLEASE STAND UP FOR US SO EVERYONE CAN RECOGNIZE YOU AND THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

Martinez: THANKS, MAYOR. CONTINUING ON DOWN WITH A 11 COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS, WE ARE MAKING SOME CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION AMENDMENTS. WE PASSED A RESOLUTION CREATING THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, AND THEY WERE CHARGED SOLELY WITH THE PURPOSE OF LOOKING AT COUNCIL'S MAKEUP IN TERMS OF

HOW WE'RE ELECTED, GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION, SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. WE PUT AN EXPIRATION DATE THAT WE ARE FASTLY APPROACHING AND WE NEED TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION MORE TIME TO DO THE WORK THAT WE'VE ASKED THEM TO DO. WE'RE NOT CHANGING THE SCOPE OF THEIR WORK. WE'RE JUST GIVING THEM MORE TIME TO DO THE WORK THAT WE'VE ASKED THEM TO DO. BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE FOUND THAT WE HAVE A REQUIREMENT WITHIN THE CITY THAT PROHIBITS REGISTERED LOBBYISTS FROM SERVING ON OUR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. IT'S A PROHIBITION THAT I SUPPORT AND I UNDERSTAND WHY THAT RULE IS IN PLACE. BUT IN THIS CASE, MY APPOINTEE, FORMER MAYOR GUS GARCIA, IS A REGISTERED LOBBYIST FOR SOME OTHER INTERESTS. NOT SPECIFIC TO WHAT THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IS GOING TO BE WORKING ON. SO I'VE ASKED FOR YOU ALL TO CONSIDER WAIVING THAT RULE JUST IN THIS -- ON THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION FOR FORMER MAYOR GARCIA. I UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS MAY NOT BE SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE CAN SUPPORT, BUT I THINK WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE 12 SCOPE OF WORK AND THAT IT REALLY DOESN'T IMPACT WHY THE RULE WAS PUT IN PLACE SO THAT A LOBBYIST CAN VOTE ON AN INTEREST THAT IS OF THEIR CLIENTS, I THINK IT'S AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST AND I WOULD HOPE THAT MY COLLEAGUES WOULD SUPPORT THAT. AND LASTLY IS I WANTED TO CLEAR UP SOME CONFUSION AND ALSO RECOGNIZE A GROUP OF FOLKS WHO ARE HERE. ITEM 82 ALLOCATES FUNDING FOR A -- FOR THE MANUEL DONLEY MUSEUM IN THE HOLLY NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS FUNDING IS TWO PARTS. 22,000 COMES FROM THE SMALL GRANTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT WAS NOT APPLIED FOR. EVERYONE THAT APPLIED FOR SMALL GRANTS THIS YEAR RECEIVED A SMALL GRANT. WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE FINAL 22,000 WAS NEVER REQUESTED SO WE'RE REALLOCATING THOSE FUNDS TO THIS PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR A WHILE, AND THEN SUPPLEMENTING THAT WITH SOME CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MONEY. AND SO WE'LL HAVE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. THE AGREEMENT ON OPERATION AND O&M COSTS HAS NOT BEEN MADE. THIS RESOLUTION ALLOWS US TO ENTER INTO THAT AGREEMENT AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GROUP THAT WAS

PARTIALLY FOUNDED BY FORMER COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ HAS AGREED TO STEP FORWARD AND OPERATE THE MUSEUM AND COVER THE COST OF OPERATIONS, UTILITIES, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SO WE CAN STILL MAKE THAT AGREEMENT. THE CITY WILL OWN THE LAND, 13 THE CITY WILL OWN THE FEW TEAM, BUT WE WILL HAVE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT'S COMMITTED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF SOME OF OUR TEJANO LEDGE FRIENDS THE LOCAL AREA AND ALLOWING THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT. AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ IS HERE. I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR THE WORK ON THIS. IF ANY OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS, I THINK HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ANSWER ANY OF THOSE.

Mayor Wynn: ACTUALLY, AND COUNCILMEMBER, I APOLOGIZE, I SHOULD HAVE CHECKED THE SPEAKER SIGN-UP LIST. TECHNICALLY WE HAVE SIX FOLKS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 82. OUR COUNCIL RULES WITH FIVE FOLKS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, WE'LL TAKE AN ITEM OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. SO WITH RESPECT TO COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND THE OTHER FOLKS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, COUNCILMEMBER KIM, PART OF YOUR MOTION WE'LL REMOVE ITEM 82 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND TAKE IT UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE PASS THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WE HAVE FIVE OR SIX FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO US ABOUT THIS ITEM.

Martinez: I APOLOGIZE, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE A REVISED MOTION AND SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? OR QUESTIONS OF STAFF? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PROPOSED PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? 14 MOTION PASSES ON VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. WE'LL GIVE THE CROWD A FEW MINUTES TO CLEAR THE ROOM AND THEN WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 82.

Mayor Wynn: FOLKS, IF YOU DON'T MIND, IF YOU COULD TAKE YOUR CONVERSATION TO THE FOYER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 82. WE PULLED ITEM 82 OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA BECAUSE THERE ARE FIVE OR SIX PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ADDRESS

COUNCIL. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ DID A GOOD JOB INTRODUCING THE ITEM, WHICH IS THE IDEA FOR THE COWBOY MUSEUM AND IF COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER DISCUSS THIS OR WE COULD TAKE UP CITIZEN FEEDBACK. OUR FIRST SPEAKER SIGNED UP TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM 82 IS FORMER COUNCILMEMBER RAUL ALVAREZ WHO I JUST SAW. THEN OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE GAVINO FERNANDEZ. COUNCILMEMBER, YOU LOOK WELL.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR. MAYOR PRO-TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. I'M RAUL ALVAREZ AND I COME HERE AS A MEMBER OF AUSTIN LATINO MUSIC ASSOCIATION. I JOINED THE BOARD IN JUNE, BUT BEFORE THAT WAS JUST A COMMITTED VOLUNTEER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ALMA HAS WORKED WITH THE CITY CLOSELY ON A LOT OF INITIATIVE. ONE BEING LATINO MUSIC MONTH WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING LATINO MUSIC AND ALSO BUILDING THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS WHICH COUNCIL 15 APPROVED ABOUT A YEAR AGO. THERE'S A LOT OF PIECES OF THAT THAT ARE IN IMPLEMENTATION RIGHT NOW. AND AT SOME POINT WE WANT TO COME BACK AND DO A BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF THAT PROJECT, BUT WHAT THIS PROJECT IS IS IT WOULD BUILD A SMALL MUSEUM, ABOUT 1200 SQUARE FEET OR SO, FOR ONE OF OUR LOCAL MUSIC LEGENDS, MANUEL COWBOY DONLEY, A BAND LEADER FROM THE 40s AND 50s AND HE LEFT HIS ORCHESTRA FOR OVER 50 YEARS. ABOUT A YEAR AGO WE NAMED A SMALL PARK IN HONOR OF MANUEL AND HIS BROTHER ROBERT DONLEY, BUT WE DIDN'T ALLOCATE A LOT OF FUNDING FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT. SO IT'S A LITTLE POCKET PARK. THIS WOULD HELP US IMPROVE THE PARK, BUT ALSO HELP TELL THE STORY OF MANUEL DONLEY. AND SO I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT. IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION, WE CAN PROVIDE THAT ABOUT HIS CAREER. HE'S IN THE TEJANO MUSIC HALL OF FAME. 1986 IS WHEN HE WAS INDUCTED. HE IS HERE WITH US TODAY. TODAY IS HIS 80th BIRTHDAY. MR. DONLEY, I THINK HIS SISTER IS WITH HIM, IF YOU WANT TO STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED. [APPLAUSE]

A TRUE LEGEND OF TEJANO MUSIC AND, OF COURSE, THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE. HE ACTUALLY PERFORMED AT THE GROUND BREAK OF THE OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN

CULTURAL CENTER AND WILL BE PERFORMING THERE TONIGHT IF YOU WANT TO GET A SENSE OF THE KIND OF MUSIC THEY PERFORM, THEY WILL BE PLAYING AT A RECEPTION THERE SO YOU CAN GO ENJOY THE 16 MUSIC AND WISH HIM HAPPY BIRTHDAY. THANK YOU ALL, COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO GET THIS THING ON THE GROUND, BUT WE'RE COMMITTED TO WORK WITH THE CITY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE OTHER SUPPORTERS THAT ARE HERE. IF YOU WANT TO STAND UP. SOME OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS HERE IN SUPPORT. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR. APPRECIATE IT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: THE RESOLUTION STILL ALLOWS THE FLEXIBILITY AND ACTUALLY STIPULATES WE ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALMA ON THE PARTICULARS, SUCH AS O&M COSTS. THIS IS SIMPLY ALLOCATING THE FUNDING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT THAT WILL CREATE THE STRUCTURE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY SERVE AS THE MUSEUM.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GAVINO FERNANDEZ. HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LISA RENDEN.

MAYOR, LISA HAS DONATED TIMES, BUT SINCE WE'RE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE COMPUTER, WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE THAT ADJUSTMENT.

Mayor Wynn: YOU WILL HAVE UP TO NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

COUNCIL, MY NAME IS GAVINO FERNANDEZ, COORDINATOR OF 17 EL~CONCILO AND I LIVE ON 2216 HASKEL. BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT CLOSING THE PARK AND AUSTIN ENERGY, THIS GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO REMOVE AND DISPLACE TWO FAMILIES FROM THOSE TWO LOTS BECAUSE OF THE DANGER, CONCERNS OF STRONG EMF'S TO THE FAMILIES AND TO THE POTENTIAL ACCIDENTS OF

THE HOLLY STREET POWER PLANT. SO THEY WERE DISPLACED AT A MEASLEY \$60,000 A LOT. AND EVER SINCE THOSE LOTS HAVE BECOME VACANT, AUSTIN ENERGY, THROUGH JUAN GARZA, HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB OF MAINTAINING AND KEEPING THOSE LOTS CLEAN AND FOR IT NOT TO TURN INTO A DUMP YARD. AT THE SAME TIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, WE HAVE MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS TO MR. GARZA AS TO WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOODS WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THOSE LOTS. ONE OF THEM IS A POCKET PARK, A COMMUNITY GARDEN. AND [INAUDIBLE] ALWAYS SAYS, WELL, I'M NOT READY FOR THAT YET. I WANT IT TO BE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND I WANT ANY AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE NEIGHBORHOOD SO THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAN GIVE INPUT BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO LIVE WITH WHATEVER GOES ON THERE. AND WE RESPECTED THAT AND WE SAID FINE, WE'LL WAIT. AND THEN AUSTIN ENERGY CAME CALLING, WE WANT HOMEOWNERS TO BE PART OF THE CULTURE COMMITTEE BECAUSE WE WANT TO GIVE INPUT INTO WHAT'S GOING TO BE LOCATED ON THOSE - - ONCE THE HOLLY PLANT IS DISMANTLED 18 AND THOSE TWO LOTS. SO EVERY MONDAY ONCE A MONTH WE MEET WITH THEM, AND ONE OF THE RESPECTABLE THINGS ABOUT MANY OF THE MEMBERS IN NOT WANT TO GO COME TO THE TABLE, AND THEY ASKED, AND COUNCILMEMBER COLE, YOU ATTENDED ONE OF THOSE MEETINGS WHERE IT WAS VERY EVIDENT THEY WERE VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN SAYING WHY ARE WE GOING TO MEET EVERY MONDAY WITH YOU IF WHATEVER WE RECOMMEND, AND WE KNOW IT'S A RECOMMENDATION, EVENTUALLY NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN THAT WE RECOMMEND. AND THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THAT. AND IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO GET THOSE SEVEN HOMEOWNERS TO COME TO THE TABLE BECAUSE OF THAT. WE HAVE NO QUARRELS WITH THE FUNDING OR THE INTENT. WE HAVE A CONCERN THAT NOW IT PUTS THE LEGITIMACY OF THAT COMMITTEE IN QUESTION. WHY DIDN'T ALMA HAVE THE COURTESY IS NOT THE RESPECT TO BRING THAT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR TO THE COMMITTEE AND SAY LOOK, FOLKS, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S PARK LAND, WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S AUSTIN ENERGY. WE WENT TO THE PARKS

BOARD AND SAID WE CAN'T ENTERTAIN IDEAS BECAUSE IT'S NOT PARK LAND. AUSTIN ENERGY SAYS, WELL, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE WE WANT A FULL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO ENTERTAIN ANYTHING GOING ON THOSE TWO LOTS UNTIL THAT PROCESS HAS ENDED. AND THIS IS NOT A CRITICISM OF 19 WHAT THE ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO DO, MUCH LESS A CRITICISM OF MR. DONLEY AT ALL. BUT I THINK THAT AS A GOVERNMENT, WE AS TAXPAYERS AND HOMEOWNERS IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AT LEAST DESERVE THAT COURTESY, MAYOR, OF BRINGING SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE US FOR A YES OR NO. BUT IF THIS IS GOING TO BE THE PRACTICE OF WHAT'S GOING TO GO AROUND IN THAT FACILITY, MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE SAYING WHY ARE WE GOING TO CONTINUE TO GO. I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO GO. THESE ARE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS, AND IT TAKES THREE HOURS ONCE A MONTH, AND IT IS VERY STRESSFUL AND VERY STRAINING TO US. SO I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU POSTPONE THIS UNTIL ALMA COMES TO THE CLOSURE COMMITTEE OR TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND EDUCATE US. IS IT A MOBILE HOME? I HEAR IT'S GOING TO BE A HOME THAT'S, YOU KNOW, SOME OTHERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS GOING TO BE BROUGHT IN. IS IT GOING TO FACE HASKEL, RIVER VIEW? THOSE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. WE HAVE A TRAFFIC IMPACT ALREADY. IT'S A LAND-LOCKED AREA. SO THERE ARE MANY ITEMS THAT COULD AFFECT THE ALREADY TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THIS -- THEY ARE BOTH CUL-DE-SACS. HOW IS THE TRAFFIC GOING TO BE TO GETTING THERE? WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WAL-MART, YOU KNOW. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WAL-MART AND THE EFFECT IT'S GOING TO HAVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WHY ISN'T THE SAME CONCERN 20 ABOUT HOW IT'S GOING TO AFFECT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD? AND I HOPE IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF OUR FINANCIAL STATUS OR OUR COLOR. WE'RE TAXPAYERS. AND WE PAY TAXES TOO. AND WE DESERVE THE COURTESY IF NOT THE RESPECT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS GROUP COME BEFORE US AND SHARE WITH US THEIR IDEAS. THEY MAY BE SURPRISED. WE MAY END UP FUNDING IT. BUT I THINK THAT THIS BEING ADOPTED UNDER CONSENT SENDS A VERY STRONG MESSAGE AND DISCOURAGING PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO VOTE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE

GOVERNMENT PROCESS. BECAUSE, AGAIN, ANY TIME OUR ORGANIZATION GOES OUT TO TRY TO REGISTER AND CONVINCING PEOPLE TO VOTE -- [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] AND THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THAT. THEY ARE GOING TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT. WHY SHOULD I BOTHER TO GO VOTE? AND THEN SOME OF YOU ALL TALK, WELL, WE WANT TO INCREASE THE VOTING NUMBERS IN EAST AUSTIN. WE WANT TO DO THIS AND WILL NOT DO THAT. SO AGAIN, MR. DONLEY, IT'S NOTHING AGAINST YOU PERSONALLY. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR CAREER OR WHAT YOU'VE DONE. IT'S LOCATION. LOCATION. AND IF THEY FEEL THAT STRONG ABOUT IT, PUT IT IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE BUILT A MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, WE PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED. 21 AND THIS IS WHY WE SUPPORTED THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN CENTER TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR INDIVIDUALS LIKE MR. DONLEY THAT HAVE SUCCEEDED IN THE ARTS COMMUNITY. SO, YOU KNOW, IT KIND OF PUTS -- I THINK WE HAVE A MEETING NEXT MONDAY OR SOMETHING, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO STAY, YOU KNOW, IF THIS THE KIND OF PRACTICE THAT'S GOING TO BE GOING ON REGARDING WHAT HAPPENS AT THE VACANT PROPERTY OF THE HOLLY POWER PLANT. BECAUSE THREE OF THEM ALREADY CALLED ME AND SAID THEY DON'T FEEL THEY SHOULD BE GOING ANYMORE. I'M STRUGGLING TRYING TO KEEP THEM AT THE TABLE BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROCESS FOR US. FINISHES AND FOR ME TO WAKE UP EVERY MORNING AND SEE PEOPLE COMING INTO MY NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW, IT'S BOTHERSOME. AND I KNOW THIS COUNCIL WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN IF IT WAS HAPPENING IN HYDE PARK. I'VE SAID THAT MANY, MANY TIMES. BUT I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU HAVE UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION. AND NOW THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING IS FOR A COURTESY TO BRING THIS PROJECT BEFORE US SO THAT WE'LL KNOW IF IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A DONE DEAL, BUT AT LEAST WE WOULD KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO BE THERE. THEREFORE WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S GOING TO AFFECT US. AND I THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. FERNANDEZ. 22 OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL FERNANDEZ. I HAVEN'T SEEN PAUL. HE

SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. JOE PEREZ. SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK. IS JOE HERE? AS DID COMMISSIONER MARCUS DELEON SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK, IN OPPOSITION. THOSE ARE ALL OF OUR FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM NUMBER 82. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: MAYOR, I WANT TO TELL MR. FERNANDEZ I APPRECIATE HIS COMMENTS, AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT BY ADOPTING THIS IT NEGATES ANY CONCERNS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE, NOR DOES IT NEGATE ANY INPUT PROCESS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IF WE DON'T REALLOCATE SOME OF THESE FUNDS THAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, WE'RE GOING TO LOSE THEM AT THE END OF THE THIS BUDGET YEAR BECAUSE NOBODY APPLIED FOR THESE GRANTS. WE HAVE \$100,000 THAT WE DEDICATED TO YOUR AND MY NEIGHBORHOOD. EVERYBODY THAT APPLIED WAS APPROVED. UNFORTUNATELY, OR FORTUNATELY IN THIS CASE, IT ONLY ADDED UP TO \$77,000. SO WE'RE TAKING THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS SO THAT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS DON'T LOSE THEM, AND WE'RE ALLOCATING THEM. IF YOU READ THE SECOND PART OF THE RESOLUTION, IT SAYS NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND ALMA. SO THAT PROCESS STILL HAS TO HAPPEN. AND NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT CAN HAPPEN AND COUNCIL INPUT CAN 23 HAPPEN AND CITIZEN INPUT CAN STILL HAPPEN. AND THOSE CONCERNS THAT YOU OUTLINED I THINK ARE VALID CONCERNS AND WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT. THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE WITH ALMA. THIS IS MERELY SAYING WE'VE IDENTIFIED FUNDING AND WE WANT TO INVEST THIS FUNDING IN THIS POCKET PARK THAT CURRENTLY DOESN'T HAVE ANY FUNDING TO DO ANYTHING WITH. BUT ANOTHER POINT, MAYOR, BECAUSE A COMMENT WAS MADE IS IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OWNERS OF THOSE TWO LOTS ACTUALLY APPROACHED THE CITY TO BUY THEM. IT WASN'T -- I DON'T THINK IT WAS THE CITY THAT WENT TO THEM AND SAID LET US BUY YOUR PROPERTY. THESE FOLKS CAME TO US. AND I DON'T KNOW IF AUSTIN ENERGY CAN SPEAK TO THAT OR IF IT'S PARKS THAT NEEDS TO. MR. GARZA, DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THAT?

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MR. GARZA.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, JUAN GARZA, GENERAL MANAGER OF AUSTIN ENERGY. THAT IS CORRECT, WE DID NOT INITIATE CONTACT WITH ANY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT PROPERTIES THERE. THEY APPROACHED US.

Martinez: THANKS. AGAIN, MAYOR, I THINK THAT THIS IS MERELY AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO THAT PARK, AND I ASK FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? 24 THIS SEEMS TO ME IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM THAT AS, YOU KNOW, SORT OF THE -- YOU KNOW, THE OPERATING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND THE CITY GETS-BEGIN TO BE WORKED OUT, THEN THAT ALLOWS US TO INSERT AND MAKE SURE THERE IS PLENTY OF NEIGHBORHOOD FEEDBACK AND AWARENESS BEFORE SOME FINAL INTERNAL DOCUMENTATION IS DOCUMENTED AND SIGNED. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? ITEM NUMBER 82. IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO APPROVE ITEM 82 AS POSTED, THIS ALLOCATION OF FUNDING. FURTHER COMMENT? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A FEW MORE MINUTES HERE BEFORE WE WILL TAKE UP OUR ITEM NUMBER 78 REGARDING IN HONOR OF LADY BIRD JOHNSON, AND SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, I BELIEVE WE'LL HAVE TIME TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION BRIEFLY TO TAKE UP POTENTIALLY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.086 A BRIEFING RELATED TO AUSTIN ENERGY'S TARIFF AND RATE STRATEGIES OR PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 WE MAY TAKE UP ITEMS NUMBER 95 OR 96, REAL ESTATE MATTERS, ONE RELATED TO OPEN SPACE, THE OTHER RELATED TO A TRACT OF LAND AT REICHER RANCH. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION IN ANTICIPATION OF HAVING THE JOHNSON FAMILY HERE FOR OUR 25 SPECIAL ITEM 78. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: We are out of closed session. In closed session we did absolutely nothing. [LAUGHTER] Other than say hi to a bunch of friends and colleagues. At this time I'd like to call up item number 78. This is an item from council that's long been in the works. In fact, we're going to hear in a few minutes that this nab the works really for 36 some-odd years, perhaps even longer. I'm very proud to join my colleagues to bring forth this item. Technically our rules are only three of us could co-sponsor an item on the agenda without violating the Texas open records law, but my colleagues and I are very honored to be' the dais when we have this appropriate honor for Mrs. Johnson. We obviously are joined by members of the Johnson family. We're very honored to have them here with us. We're also joined by a number of former mayors of Austin, going back to mayor Roy Butler, who was mayor in 1971, December 10th when the beautification committee was formed. We have something that mayor Butler will announce in a few minute. This has been 36 years in the making. Every mayor since mayor Butler has been wanting to do this. We're joined also by Carol Strayhorn. We're joined by Ron Mullen, by Lee Cooke and by former mayor Bruce Todd. Very honored to have you here. With that, I believe staff has prepared a short little video presentation about Mrs. Johnson and her history and long association with that beautiful body of water outside our window. <p

It's where people in Austin go to run or just hang around.

I've noticed more and more people this year.

Town Lake hike and bike trail, the heart of Austin.

There's always a breeze around the trail.

You don't have a park anywhere else.

It's laid back and beautiful and natural.

Town Lake wasn't always one of Austin's crown jewels.

What many people don't realize is that Town Lake and the parkland that's around it used to be not such an attractive part of Austin.

In the 60's's lake levels were not controlled, so Town Lake was a

flood zone for much of the year.

No one really understood the potential of having a trail down here because the area was so unattractive.

Lady Bird Johnson saw more than muddy trails.

A few people, especially Mrs. Johnson, started saying we shouldn't turn our back on this river, this lake.

Austin's Town Lake was one of many places across America Lady Bird Johnson worked to beautify.

She is the mother of it.

With the help of then mayor Roy Butler and other visionaries, Lady Bird Johnson spearheaded the Town Lake beautification project in 1971.

At that time we planted hundreds, literally hundreds of trees, which now you can see around the lake 36 years later. They're beautiful.

The city moved the project forward. Lady Bird helped them come up with the money.

We funded it by a big party, the first one she ever had at the L.B.J. ranch. And due to her reputation and image across the United States, we had tremendous support. People like Lawrence Rockefeller, Henry Ford, on and on, came down and helped us.

Lady Bird Johnson believed a little beauty could go a long way. She was once quoted saying, it can help create harmony, which will lessen tensions. Current Town Lake trail president Griffin Davis says that's exactly what's happening in Austin.

Accessible to all people. It bridges the gap between east and west and serves a vital function here, providing folks a free recreational resource.

Yeah, everything is beautiful here.

The kind of words those who knew Lady Bird say she would have

loved to hear.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you, staff. Of course we're not playing favorites, but thank you to news 8 for letting us borrow some of their script. With that I'd like to introduce Roy Butler, who as we saw on the screen, was mayor back in 1971 as the beautification committee was formed. Roy, would you like to say a few words? Welcome. Please join me in welcoming him. [APPLAUSE]

I wish we could have airbrushed that picture a little bit. I sure did look a lot younger and better in those days. As you will see, I passed to the councilmembers and I think it will be available to all of you an actual copy of the program that day, which was, of course, December the 10th, 1971. 1971, December the 10th. Really a momentous day in the history of Austin, Texas. I think Councilmember McCracken has put it very well, he said that with her leadership began the transformation of Town Lake from a garbage strewn eyesore to what it is today, Austin's greatest asset, a beautiful, constant level lake running through the center of town. It is Austin's absolute jewel. What city wouldn't love to have what we have? When Lady Bird agreed to become our chairperson of the beautification of Town Lake, she brought to us and to Austin immediate nationwide attention to the project. Her reputation for preserving and improving the beauty of our land and our environment put Austin in the spotlight from that moment on, and people from all over the United States joined in that effort. I think it was mentioned in there that Lawrence Rockefeller, Henry Ford, people of that national status, came down here to pay homage to her and to help our project get off. She was not merely a figurehead, she inaugurated it, she worked, she recruited, she raised funds and she gave personal funds as well. In summary, Town Lake would not be what it is today if it were not for Lady Bird Johnson. And mayor and councilmembers, you honor everyone when you honor Lady Bird Johnson today. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: With privilege here, I've learned a lot about the history of this naming. I will ask Carol Strayhorn to now follow mayor butt withler to talk about her early history with this honor that we're now doing today.

Thank you, mayor and councilmembers. It is an honor and privilege to be here today. And mayor Butler, you talk about airbrushing the picture. I was in East Texas and a fellow introduced me and instead

of introducing me as having been the first woman mayor of Austin, he introduced me as having been the first mayor of Austin. [LAUGHTER] And I said that was 1839. The fellow sitting next to me said you look really good. [LAUGHTER] Luci, dear Luci and the wonderful family, Luci, John, and the beat goes on. I went to see your momma and our beloved Lady Bird early on in my mayorial term. And I told her that we must rename Town Lake Lady Bird lake. And she said oh, my dear, not while I am here. She said all those resources, she talked about how she gave generously of herself and from others too, she said, I wouldn't want to do that if it were named for me. I wouldn't feel right doing that. That is so Lady Bird. She was the -- she is not only a Texas and an American icon, she is a worldwide icon. And a more gracious woman you would never meet. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. And that beauty that she has left for generations to come will go on and on and on. What a mentor, what a legacy, what a role model. And most of all, for those who she ever met and those who she didn't meet, but she cared about, and that was the most vulnerable in this world. She was their friend. And I'm honored that she was my friend and it's great to be here today, mayor and council. Thank you so much. I know of all the fine Austinites here that I just keep thinking over and over, and I've thought this all the time lately, I said -- I'll paraphrase a little bit from the words of Ephesians. Said of I, I'll say we. But we do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers. And our dear Lady Bird and to the family, thank you so much and God speed. [APPLAUSE] When Roger Duncan was in the room, that made a quorum of the 1978 city council. Ron Mullen, welcome.

Thank you. One thing I did when we started when I was mayor was the three minute rule. I'll make this even short even though I don't want to belittle at all how much you all appreciate you all and what Lady Bird Johnson did. Also wanted to say that I was so absolutely impressed by our family. You all were just amazing. You all just did so well. I couldn't be more proud of what you as a family have done. I want to say that to y'all. [APPLAUSE] I know many of us know some of you personally, like Nicole and my daughter. And so to see you get up in front of a huge audience and be so absolutely confident, clear where everybody understood how Lady Bird Johnson brought such great joy to all of us, and so that's all I wanted to say is thank you for who you all are, the great children and grandchildren and great grandchildren of Lady Bird Johnson. [

APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Former mayor Lee Cooke.

Thank you very much. I met Luci in 1974 when we worked on her brother-in-law's campaign for the school board. To 1990 when I thought if I stood up in front of 1600 people at the Johnson's celebration of the inaugural of president Johnson, and I announced that we wanted to name the lake Lady Bird lake. 1600 people breaking out in applause and conversation and Auld Lang Syne, that we would have the deal done, but not quite. To the Johnson family who are here today, to the mayor, and this city council, as I say when we go around this community, working in city government as an elected official for this city or any city is like a marathon race. It took about 36 years to get to today. I am so proud that you're sitting on the dais and you will be able to take the baton across the goal line, mayor, and make this happen. I salute you, I commend you. This is you, as mayor Butler said, part of history and this is truly the right honor. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Former mayor Bruce Todd. Bruce?

Well, thank you very much, mayor. My plan for today was to defer, but I didn't want to create a mass exodus here. We have been fortunate in our city, starting with mayor Butler, to have some great mayors who showed great leadership. I cannot think of a single city that is more delightful to live in than Austin, Texas. And this delight was added to immeasurable with Lady Bird Johnson and what she did with the trail. I know that while not elected, she was in public office in a way, but it is a price that the family pays because of all the time and attention, and she gave tremendous time and attention. Mayor and councilmembers, today with your action, while Lady Bird is not physically with us, every time we walk Town Lake she'll be remembered in our hearts and prayers. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Again, we are so honored and thankful to have members of the Johnson family here with us. And as I told Luci last week, first and foremost, thank you to the family for allowing this city, this larger community to participate so beautifully in saying good-bye to Lady Bird two weeks ago. From the visitation at the library that was moving to and through of course the private ceremony at river bend, but then also, of course, Mrs. Johnson's last trip from Austin as she rode from the state capitol out to the ranch, that crowd on

Congress Avenue Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and then out Cesar Chavez, along the lake and as you told me, Luci, really all the way -- all 60 some-odd miles out to Stonewall. Just the fact that you all as a family allowed us as a community do participate and say thank you and good-bye to Lady Bird, we will always be in your debt for that opportunity. So thank you very much. With that I'd - if you would, Luci, if you're comfortable, I'd like for you to come say a few words about your mom and about allowing us this gracious honor. Why don't you come here, please. Luci Baines Johnson, everybody. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn, distinguished members of the Austin city council, former mayors Butler, mayor Strayhorn, mayor Cooke, mayor Mullen, mayor Todd. On behalf of my sister, my husband, my niece Catherine, my grandson John, my daughter Nicole, my son-in-law Brent, and all of our families, we want to thank you from the bottom of our heart for asking us to be here today to celebrate Austin, the city our mother, grandmother and great grandmother loved so dearly. Today is the end of a very sentimental journey for me. When we returned from Washington I was privileged to join in what mother called a merry band of supporters to beautify Town Lake. Mother, mayor Butler and his beloved Anne, Berta Crenshaw, councilmember Gage and Webberman, the Town Lake parks department and the Town Lake beautification committee were the leaders. I was just one of hundreds of worker bees. But I was blessed to work with so many good folk from across our community. Together we raised the awareness and the money that was necessary to clean up the lake and create the trail that generations of Austinites now consider the soul of this city. My children, Lyndon and Nicole, who once posed in the peppermint peach trees for the initial Town Lake fund-raising ads, are now grown. Their children now run the trail, play ball near its shores and canoe in its waters. My nieces Catherine and Jennifer, like many in our community, have come from across the country to adopt Austin as their own. And they are two of the trail's most ardent users and supporters. I am so proud and grateful that the next generation in the Town Lake trail foundation is now making it their business to sustain this soul of this city for all of us. My husband's last happy memories with his dying father were spent on the banks of the lake watching a dog retrieve a stick his young master threw over and over again. Our family, like so many, has literally grown up on Town Lake. One of my mother's final pleasures was for Linda or me or Nicole or Catherine or any of the

grandchildren to wheel her on Town Lake's hike and bike trail. We discovered the trail access for rowers was wheelchair accessible, although not quite enough. [LAUGHTER] We'd walk west towards Austin high. Inevitably someone would run by us and then backtrack, screeching like the Roadrunner cartoon to tip their hat and simply say thank you, Lady Bird, before resuming their run. Mother was so touched that although decades had passed, Austin never passed her by. We saw dozens of parents and grandparents pushing their children and grandchildren along the trail. Our only regret was only once did we see another adult child pushing a parent. There was no greater medicine for mother than the shores of Town Lake. She said if she had had one campaign left in her, she would have been out there encouraging us to take our wheelchair-bound parents and loved ones to the trail too. As many of you may recall, years ago our dear poor mayor Cooke announced the decision of the city to rename Town Lake in mother's honor. Momma modestly responded, this is the town's lake. I cannot claim its name. It belongs to everybody. Several months ago former mayor Bruce Todd on behalf of all the mayors that we visited with today, asked me if mother might reconsider her decision in her lifetime or at least after she was gone. I took her this request, stroke had taken her eloquent voice, but her mind remained as vibrant as Town Lake. She slugged her shoulders self consciously when asked about naming the lake after her in her lifetime. Then I told her mayor Todd and all the other mayors, and especially her beloved mayor Butler who had started it with her, wanted to know if they could name the lake in her honor after her death. Because citizens were asking them to. Ever shy, she smiled and gave me a very modest thumb's up. A week ago Sunday my mother took her last ride by Town Lake. Four generations of our family saw all ages of Central Texans lining the lake momma loved waving a final good-bye. Today I want to thank the citizens of Austin for naming the lake that will forever belong to all of us in mother's honor, but I want to make one last request. [LAUGHTER] As you run the trail with those you love, making memories for a lifetime, take your elderly parents there too. I promise you, you'll never regret it. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Luci, thank you so, so much and to the family for being here and ultimately for agreeing with this broad community desire to honor Lady Bird Johnson in this way. So mayor pro tem Betty Dunkerleyty Dunkerley moves and I second approval of item 78, which is the ordinance that waives the certain requirements in our

city code that fundamentally, ultimately names Town Lake as Lady Bird lake. And with that I'd like to call on councilmembers to make some comments. We'll begin sequentially with place 1 councilmember Lee Leffingwell. Mexico and a second on the table. -- motion and a second on the table.

Leffingwell: Thanks everybody for coming down. Town Lake has always been a place holder name and I am very privileged to be a part of the council that finally gives it its proper fame. Thank you very much. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Councilmember Martinez.

Martinez: Thank you, mayor. Thank you very much to the family for being here. It's equally an honor for me to be able to sit here and have this privilege. I think it's the most appropriate way to honor Mrs. Johnson, but I also want to say to the citizens and to my colleagues that I think it would be a dishonor if we don't continue to protect it and continue to improve it and finish the trail that we started. So I thank you for being here and I commit to you to finish and improve what is already an amazing gift to the City of Austin. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Councilmember Kim.

Kim: Thank you to the Johnson family for being here and giving us this honor to rename Town Lake for your mother and grandmother, great-grandmother, Lady Bird Johnson. And for all of Austin, we will remember her every time we are rowing on the lake or walking on the lake, taking our grandparents out to the lake to enjoy the wonderful wildflowers. She was a great champion of our natural beauty preserving that for Central Texas from our scenic roadways to creating Town Lake park. And Austin wouldn't be what it is today without her contributions and her vision. So thank you very much. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Councilmember McCracken.

McCracken: It's difficult to overstate the enormous contribution that the Johnson family made to the betterMENT for our city. Thank you very much. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Councilmember Cole.

Cole: It is very ironic, but my dad was born on your dad's birthday, so all my life I've heard about the contributions of the Johnson family, and in particular even the contributions to the civil rights movement. And I would be amiss not to mention the fact that your mother has been a leader in this movement for a very long time also. She was a beautiful person in so very many ways. For that I feel very honored to be able to recognize her contributions today. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Mayor Pro Tem Dunkerley.

Dunkerley: I've always had great regard for Lady Bird Johnson, but I fell in love with her and with your family at her 90th birthday celebration at the L.B.J. library. I was just personally very, very touched. And so you know, when we think of Lady Bird, her name just symbolizes beautification, and what greater tribute can we give her than to honor the central feature of this beautiful city, our Town Lake. Her Town Lake. So thank you very much for you and your family and your precious parents and especially your mother. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: In closing, I would like to echo some of Luci's comments and thoughts. This is a spectacular asset, but as Councilmember Martinez pointed out, technically the trail isn't even finished. There are still a couple of gaps in our trail. Not only that, we pride ourselves on accessibility in this town. Austin is frequently lauded naturally for our compliance, broad compliance with the Americans with disabilities act, but technically that trail is not compliant per the A.D.A. law. So frankly it's not easy for many folks to get down there in a wheelchair or for a younger Austinites to take their parents or older friends down there in a wheelchair. So I hope that with this action, with this appropriate honor to Mrs. Johnson with that special lake, be and of course recognizing the trail that surrounds it, that we redouble our efforts, regain momentum when it comes to the rebeautification that Mrs. Johnson so beautifully began and working with the foundation and other stakeholders and partners, we make that trail be what it should be for this community, complimenting Lady Bird lake. So we have a motion and a second on the table naming what formerly known as Town Lake, Lady Bird lake. All in favor please say aye? Opposed? Motion passes unanimously on a 7-0 vote. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)
(SHORT RECESS) (CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION)

As opposed to last year about this time I only seen one or two

people that were sleeping outside on Congress Avenue. So the problem is getting worse. One of the reasons that it's getting worse is that just in South Austin we have the Ivanhoe apartments that were taken away from being apartments to condominiums. For \$225,000 I could buy myself a condominium, but there's no replacement. Up there at Oltorf and east side drive they have the one apartment complex behind the gas station converted to condominiums. No replacement for affordable housing. Across the street from that, 48 more units. Where will these people find another place to live? What will they have to do to afford another home when affordable homes aren't there anymore. It's kind of scary. Some will start stealing, some will start to deal dope, some will make bad mistakes. It's wrong. We're provoking this type of behavior if we don't address the affordable housing condition in Austin. If you want to buy a condominium, you've got \$500,000, we've got them all day long. But try to find a house for \$50,000 for somebody that's only making 15 or \$12,000 a year can afford it, and I don't see not one. I would go into all the different type of problems from the lack of affordable housing or the shrinking thereof, but the crime factor, the human dignity factor when you're pushing people out of their houses and you condemn the house and you don't have a replacement for a house, that's violent. You're forcing people to become homeless. Homelessness is a violence. I'd like to quote a little plaque that's down on Town Lake -- Lady Bird lake. [Buzzer Sounds] Homelessness is the essence of depression. It is immoral. It is socially corrupt and it is an act of violence. We have a chance to set a new standard for Austin and end the violence of forcing people to become homeless. Make affordable housing available. You have tools. Ask Mr. McCracken. He's got some bright ideas about it. I know he's not the only one. Y'all have a good day.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you, Mr. McDonald. Councilmember Kim.

Kim: Thank you for the comments. The topic of affordable housing is something we've all been working on to the council. One of the things is that the affordable housing density bonus is so it will give the developers some opportunity to incorporate affordable housing or contribute funds towards affordable housing, but I'm familiar with the development that you talk about behind the gas station on Oltorf, and that is something that under their zoning with the multi-family zoning, they can convert those into condos, they just have to change them to meet the building codes for condominiums. I think we're seeing that more and more as the land values going up is it is more

profitable to turn apartment complexes into condos. And you're right, affordable housing comes more often than not in the form of rental housing. So as we lose that stock, we the city that is growing needs to replenish that. So we're doing what we can and there's definitely more ideas that we can consider for making sure that we have affordable housing for all our citizens in Austin. Thank you.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Our next speaker is Julia DWORSCHACK. You will be followed by pat VALLS-T had RELLES.

Good afternoon. I am a member of Siamese rescue and Oak Hill rescue. A few weeks ago I addressed you about the trespassing of two TLAC officers on my property. Concerning the first item I wanted to update you and let you know that the stress has taken a dire toll on his hips who has epilepsy. Last week in a meeting she collapsed and was taken to E.M.S. by a hospital where she has had six grand seizures and stopped breathing. She was in ICU for three days and in a coma. On the other issues of trespass and the fourth amendment right violation, I would like to thank city manager Futrell for arranging a meeting with the upper level city staff. Thank you very much. The outcome is a promised draft early next week. The first step toward a solution is analyzing and defining the problem. It has been two months since the initial incident on my property, and to date I have yet to get any acknowledgment from any direction that there was even a problem. I look forward to finding common ground as a starting point. I thank you very much.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Pat, welcome. You will be followed by Carol Anne rose Kennedy.

Thank you, mayor. I'm here to bring your attention to three important documents and to make three requests. All of these documents can be found on my website, Austinanimalmatters.org. The first of the documents is a transcript from April 2003 council meeting. I spoke before council that day and asked for a full public discussion on the location of the new shelter. Following my comments, city manager Futrell, you responded, pat, you have my absolute guarantee that any final decision will have full public discussion, including a religious by the animal -- a recommendation by the animal advisory commission. Today I am here to request that you keep that promise. Please do not make excuses such as that the bond review commission process was full public discussion. It was not. We do not have anna nicole smith mall advisory commission recommendation.

And I am asking you to keep your word and let us do this. The second document is a letter written by Bethel list. Councilmember Leffingwell's appointee to the animal advisory commission. In that letter she urges that the council cement the site, meaning the site of the animal shelter, in January before the East Austin community is awakened to any issues, it there by complicating the project. My request to you, Councilmember Leffingwell, and to all of city council, is that you reject commission member Ellis' advice. As you know, certain members of East Austin have already been awakened to issues about anna nicole smith mall shelter in their -- about an animal shelter in their community. And I think you should allow East Austin more public input on this issue and listen to their concerns. The last document I'll refer to you is a report by a nationally reknowned shelter expert who Central Texas animal alliance consulted regarding the relocation of the animal shelter. He states that the shelter should stay where it is. I urge you to follow the advice of this nationally reknowned expert. Please refer to Austin animal matters.org for more information on these three documents and on these issues. I want to thank the Central Texas animal alliance and fixaustin.org for the important work they are doing on the shelter relocation issue. I urge you to consider sponsoring a community forum along with these two organizations and bringing Nathan here so you can hear more about this issue. I would like to end by stating my support for Julia DWORSCHACK and all the animal rescuers in our community who are doing important work. [Buzzer Sounds] I ask you to ask A.P.D. to focus on the real cruelty we have in our community, which is dog fighting, and not on prosecuting animal rescuers. Thank you for your attention. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Councilmember Leffingwell.

Leffingwell: I just want to say for your information, ma'am, that the council subcommittee on public health and human services will get a full briefing at our meeting next month. I don't have the exact date. August 7th. The August 7th meeting we'll have a full briefing on all the animal shelter issues.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Our next speaker is Carol Anne rose Kennedy, to be followed by recollection white. Rex white. <p

Welcome back, council. I have a bone to pick with y'all. Thank y'all for giving me the golden opportunity to give y'all the piece of my mind. Feel free to bow your heads and look down on me like you

usually do. I'm having a wild hair day. Even my yellow rose won't stay put. And I don't blame it on an act of nature, doing business as an act of God. I'm blaming 100% on the nine of you and y'all the people. Just hours ago I stood in the pouring rain. The Texas tornado had just ripped through my street, Crowns point, on which is located my little white house. She was followed by the finest street sweeper in the universe, mark Taylor. I waltzed up to his mighty machine in the pouring rain. Before I even opened my mouth, he opened his window. He had a smile on bigger than Texas. I told him, number one, what a fine job be he was doing. Number two, that he needed a promotion yesterday. And number three, to tell his bosses, bosses, bosses, bosses, that would be y'all, that his talents could have, would have, should have been used elsewhere today, July 26th, 2007 in the big city with the pea brain. Amen, halleluiah and praise the landlord. PS, we at the crowns point clean our own streets. And now a west wind and a prayer for the knee replacement for when the cops won't leave me alone. God grant you the serenity to accept the thing you can't change, and the balls to change the things I can. And the wisdom to know and the smart ass to know the difference. Amen, halleluiah and praise the landlord. And now, please join me in a Texas moment of silence. That would be 59 New York seconds, California time, my time. Thank you. [Buzzer Sounds]

Mayor Wynn: Thank you, Ms. Kennedy. Our next speaker is Rex white. Welcome. You will have three minutes and be followed by Sylvia SERVIN.

Mr. mayor, members of the council, my name is Rex H. white, junior. I appear here today with my wife Brenda. Our home is at 2009 Barton hills drive, directly across from the Barton hills elementary school playground. We have reside understand our home since 1981. Early on January 16th, 2007, a 16-inch city water main under Barton hills drive, some three houses up the hill and south of our home, exploded with great force, creating a hole in the middle of the street eight to 10 feet in diameter and over six feet deep. The stream of water coming from that eruption hit the front of our home with considerable force and was at least a foot and a half to two feet deep. The city water department did not abate the flow for at least three, perhaps four hours. Our home was totally flooded within 20 to 30 minutes after the main erupted. With the help of neighbors, I was able to get most of the water out of our home by late afternoon, but the damage to our wood floors, rugs, wall and personal belongings

was already done. The emotional damage was just beginning. We had to completely vacate our home, remove all our belongings, clothes, furniture, pictures, etcetera, in order to begin the long and arduous task of repair and restoration. We took with us what we needed. Found and moved into an apartment down the street from our home. It would be over four months before we were able to return to our home. Brenda and I have done the thing we need to do to take care of our property. We have a typical homeowners insurance policy with allstate, however immediately on January the 19th they denied any liability, claiming the flood exclusion to coverage. They made no investigation to my knowledge. We also have a separate flood insurance policy through allstate's participation in the FEMA program. We eventually received a check from FEMA and we're most grateful for their financial help, although it was not enough to cover our entire loss. But the FEMA adjuster made it clear that their policy does not cover the cost for storage of our furniture, rental of the apartment while we were on our house. Those costs total \$11,940.17. I have a detail of those expenses attached to this presentation, which I will leave with you. [Buzzer Sounds] I have about one quick second.

Mayor Wynn: Take your time and conclude.

It is for those costs that Brenda and I ask the city for reimbursements. These are the costs that are the direct result of our being forced from our home. This city and this council, to its everlasting credit, found a way to help hundreds of citizens of New Orleans forced from their homes by Katrina. I ask that you do likewise and compensate your own citizens forced from their home by the rupture of a water main. This is a burden we and others should not have to bear for the privilege of living in this wonderful city. It is a right and honorable thing to do in our opinion. We have appointments with many of you in the coming week. We look forward to visiting with you and we appreciate your consideration of our request. Thank you very much.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you, Mr. white. Councilmember McCracken.

McCracken: I think what the whites have brought forward speaks to some principles that are very important, and one is that the government should live by the same rules that everybody else lives by. And the second is just because the government has the power to do something doesn't make it the right thing to do. What I

and be the meetings I've had with -- with my colleague this week and with the city manager, we have looked at a concept that would be modeled on the federal approach of that when one of our fellow -- when groups of our fellow citizens are injured that we as a country pull together to look out for our fellow citizens in their time of being injured. I think what Mr. White spoke to was what happened in New Orleans, which was that a government piece of infrastructure, a dike broke and flooded lots of homes and the country rallied together, including this city to look out for our fellow countrymen, even though we had no legal obligation to do so. And so what we're looking at here in Austin, I discussed with my colleague and city manager, is something that would model on the federal disaster relief approach. Toby can speak to this, but it would be something like a surcharge in the bill, like the in-line charge on your phone bill or some sort of insurance model. Because we have 188,000 to 200,000 homeowners who are water utility customers, if we take what the Whites have experienced, and we're aware of others who have experienced similar misfortune. You look at \$20,000 household type of situation, it could be more, but that speaks to maybe a dollar a year if everybody would pay a dollar a year we could look out for our fellow Austinites who through no fault of their own have had government infrastructure, whether it's a pipe on Barton Hills Drive or a dike in New Orleans break and you get flooded out of your home. So we could model something like that. It would raise the funds. It would not create an exception to it. I think we all recognize an important responsibility as taxpayers, which is not to get rid of sovereign immunity, but instead to set up a physically responsible approach that does the right thing and also carries out our fiduciary responsibilities. We have a precedent on this council for a similar approach when two years ago this council unanimously adopted an approach with the water utility where if someone's line broke underneath their -- under their yard, someone would get a water bill for \$4,000 one month, not realizing that the water had broken underneath their lawn and they're already two weeks into the next billing cycle before they were made aware of the problem. And this council has said we're not going to make water utility customers pay that water bill. And in fact, everybody who is currently being injured, people in this situation, the Whites, we're going to take care of those customers as well. So we've done that before and it passed muster and it was the right thing to do and I think it would be the right thing in this approach. We all recognize that we need information such as how we set up this type of insurance program, would it be voluntary

or mandatory. Would you pay a dime a month, a dollar a year, 50 cents a month, what would be it be? And how many folks do we see with water line breaks? We actually have experience and Austinites have had wastewater line breaks as well, which is I think the whites can tell you that they consider themselves relatively fortunate that it was a water line break as opposed to wastewater. We need to know what -- how much would be paid and how it would be structured. There's a lot of information to be gathered, but this is the budget process period we start today at 1:00 o'clock. This is the time we do things like this and it's the right moment to do it. Not only that, it's not the right moment, but the right thing to do. I want to thank the whites, who have been on a very arduous effort to get us to live up to our values. I appreciate it.

Thank you, councilmember. If I could, I also just to chime in as well, I'm relatively familiar with the whites' case and it's disheartening. A person went over and saw the damage of a few days afterwards, and all of us empathize when you see that kind of damage on a homeowner or citizen, a taxpayer obviously at no fault of their own. And over the push suing week and -- pursuing weeks and months be as my staff tried to see what the appropriate thing for the city to do, I would say that I got an uncomfortable, but very important lesson in Texas law. And the concept of municipal sovereignty and the related concept of the gifting of public funds. And it was unfortunately made uncomfortably clear to me that we didn't have the discretion to in a sense arbitrarily help the whites with their damage in part because of the fact that through the sovereign immunity law, there is technically no legal -- as Councilmember McCracken pointed out, no technical or legal exposure to the city. And since there is no exposure to help the whites, I was advised it would be considered a gift of public funds, which is not legal. Unless my understanding is if we were to do that for all -- everybody. And then I was shown the list, the long list, the sad list of other folks all across the city. Only those who have even bothered to make claims. The vast majority of people don't make claims against the city because they get some legal advice and they get told about the issue of sovereign immunity, but claims we get claims constantly and frequently and sadly for many folks who don't have insurance. And those are frankly even more hard breaking than the horrific damage I saw at the whites' home. We get claims for people who in nice cars hit a pothole and damages of 500-dollar rim to a tire. And they make a claim against the City of Austin. We've never paid any of those. We've never been exposed legally.

So I'm advised that because of that structural construct in state law, it's either somehow do this for every single person on every potential damage claim or not. I am very intrigued with and very supportive of this concept that Councilmember McCracken brings up whereby we as a can in fact start a fund that would enable folks draw down upon. About the same time as the whites had their damage, a big water main outside my downtown home erupted and blew out the whole intersection of fifth and Bowie. And it inconvenienced me. I had to come down to city hall to shower for a day or two, but shut down whole foods. As I walked over that morning to look at this horrific damage, water still spewing up into the area, whole foods was forced to shut down because of the way they use their water to keep their produce fresh and somewhat chilled. So they had to make the call to shut down their store at a loss of \$47,000 an hour in sales. They were shut down for 24 hours. They're not open 24 hours, so I'm not sure exactly what the total number was, but obviously that would be - it was a lot of damage financially to whole foods that day because of that water line break just outside their store. I'm told they didn't bother to make a claim for all that have financial loss. Perhaps in part because they understand the issues regarding sovereign immunity. So in large and small cases, water-related or frankly not -- there's many other types of damages that occur around the city. When you operate a big, complex, 21st envy urban American city and you have big utilities, you have lots of streets and bridges and other pieces of infrastructure, inevitably accidents occur and damage occur to citizens. And it's important I think that we take this approach that we figure out how we could perhaps start essentially an insurance program, if you will, that will enable folks like the whites, maybe even big corporation like whole foods who clearly had significant financial loss because of infrastructure break, but also individual citizens around the community that suffer some type of loss. So I apologize to the whites if I've dropped the ball in the communications with you all, but it's been sort of a painful, uncomfortable lesson about state law and immunity and gifting, but I sure like this approach where somehow we can help people not suffer losses as we try to operate a big, complex city.

Mayor, what I'd like to do if I could, is let our city attorney speak to this just briefly. And this is something actually David is generally loathe to do publicly from the dais, but Mr. white I know that you're an attorney and David had said that he's willing to have a little bit of this dialogue here. This is a very difficult and painful discussion to

always have with citizens. And I know some have tried to portray this as somehow personal or unique to some year or some tenure, but this has been the legal advice that has been given to the city for every city manager's tenure for as long as I can remember for over 30 years. It is never easy and always hard and hurtful and in many cases sometimes we are dealing with folks who did not even have insurance. For those of you just to remember this incident, this incident happened during the three-day ice storm. The response even to get to that water main break was very difficult for our repair crews, who were trying to maneuver through iced up roads to get there and they worked out in those elements to try to bring that fairly major break under control. We also have a practice and a policy where under health and safety rules do bring in a contractor to help clean and remove the water from a home to help just in the immediate time after an incident like this. But then we are in the issue of sovereign immunity. And with that we're very intrigued by the idea that Councilmember McCracken has. It's very creative and it may actually help get past some of the issues that we've had. One of the key elements of it, and this is something that David is going to need a little bit of time work on with us, though, would be that it would have to meet the test of not about the public funds, so it would have to be a voluntary contribution into the system, not something that we're imposing on folks for a self-funded program. Other than that, I can't think of anything that would prohibit it. So I think we can craft a paragraph like this to make it work. And David, you were going to speak a little bit to the element of the law and then your thoughts on the program so far. And I know you haven't had a lot of time. I think you've had a day to think through the idea.

And just one other quick thing. We have two other programs not exactly like what the councilmember has discussed, but do involve folks put something additional dollars on to a utility bill. And they work. Between these two programs, just in one year I looked at over \$75,000 was collected. And so there's reason to believe that we can do something very substantive with this idea to create some relief. And it's a very innovative idea and if you will give us just a week or two to see what we can come up with, I think we can come back with a solid proposal for you.

Councilmember Martinez.

Martinez: I just wanted to say that I support the concept and would like to continue this dialogue to see what we come up with. I want us

to keep in mind not only specific cases like a water utility case where a pipeline burst. When I was a firefighter an incident happened. Firefighters laid a big hose down the street. When we have a big event we have to get water to the fire trucks and firefighters. In one particular event there was a pinhole burst, but in a five-inch main a pinhole can put out a lot of water when you're pumping out thousands of gallons a minute. This pinhole happened to be pointed straight at the front door of a residence two blocks away from the fire. So for two hours he was deluged by water, his front door and water. We couldn't shut the hose down because we had a major event down the street. Unfortunately, this case was also indemnified and that owner did not and could not recoup any of the damage. So I want us to keep in mind other cases as well that I think could potentially be impacted by any policy that we come up with. My concern is it's not really a concern, but my comments are that my goal in this is to come up with a policy that's fair for everyone, period. It has to be a policy level decision. It can't be an individual gifting of whatever case might come before us. Thanks, mayor.

Mayor Wynn: Councilmember Kim.

Kim: Mr. and Mr. White, I feel terrible about what happened with your home and I'm going to work with Councilmember McCracken to make sure that there's some sort of policy we can come up with that may be able to help you in this situation. It's a terrible situation. But I'd also like to ask the city manager for details on what happened, why that main broke and also a listing of examples where there have been incidents where our water mains or any kind of -- having to do with our infrastructure has failed. And regardless of the conditions, what were the cause and what the outcome in terms of damages. I'd like to have a list going back five years, if possible.

Futrell: We took a look at this particular line in detail. This particular line broke because of the freezing of the pavement, which caused shifting of the soils and snapped the line. This can happen in extreme heat in the summer and it can happen in extreme cold like an ice storm. It was a line that had no repair maintenance problems, but we looked back 10 years on the line. If I'm correct, I believe it was a cast iron pipe. But yes, we actually then went back and checked on claims to get a sense of numbers. In fact, I think we went back three or five years. I'll see what we've looked at and see what I can get you on that.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you very much. So continuing on with our citizen communication. Our next speaker is Sylvia Servin. Appreciate your patience. You will be policed by Cynthia Valdez.

Hello, everybody. I'm a concerned citizen and also concerned for others and my well-being. My topic today is adding an additional duty to the firefighters of Austin, Texas. Please hear me out before making a decision. I would like the firefighters to be able to take on an additional duty, that would be helping out the city with the cleaning of limbs that are a danger in certain areas. Some limbs are blocking the driver's views, others are hanging dangerously above the streets. The firefighters respond to emergency calls and some calls can be prevented if the limbs are trimmed. Maybe they have responded to calls from the affected person using the excuse that there was a blind spot. Sometimes branches are a fire hazards because they are dead or dry. Sometimes they are too close to power lines or close to buildings. Firefighters need to think outside the box. They need to practice prevention. I mention this briefly to Councilmember Martinez at the last council meeting. He was not too receptive to the idea. His answer that was it could be hazardous. I feel that fighting fires is more dangerous than tree trimming and cleaning up after car accidents sometimes has a danger factor itself. I practically got run over while walking on the street next to the sidewalk. This happened in my neighborhood. I cannot use the sidewalk because of low limbs and branches growing over the sidewalk. A car was Transguiding in the on sit direction I was walking in. I know I scared the driver half to death because he braked and swerved to his left F another car had been coming he would have hit it. This happened to me twice in a fairly short amount of time. Wouldn't it be ironic if the fire department responded to a call because someone got run over because of something that could have been prevented and maybe by them? Maybe with their help the situation can be solved. The city workers are swamped with tree trimming jobs and county get to my street, so I feel the firefighters could help during peak tree trimming season or only temporarily or until they got caught up. Of course they would first need to have the right training and they would be able to trim trees or brushes in the immediate vicinity of their fire station F they received a call about life-threatening situation, they would be able to respond with protective gear and drive to the destination immediately. We can't always worry about what if this situation happened because there's a lot that needs to be done around the city. They could help out the

neighborhood. I know that firefighters want to do anything they can do to help people. Also, this would save the city of Austin some money and save a lot of money in the long run.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Councilmember Martinez.

Martinez: Thanks. I wanted to comment briefly. When this was proposed to me, the comment that I made in return about I thought it would be dangerous is because we currently don't train firefighters and equip firefighters to trim trees. Obviously if we took this suggestion and moved forward with it, we'd have to implement an entire program on tree trimming and safety. We'd have to train our firefighters to do that. I'm certainly not opposed to having that discussion, but I think we have employees within the city who we currently train and do that job.

Let me help you with that. that's exactly what I was going to say. We have someone standing here in the back that I'd like to talk with you just about where you live so we can come check your neighborhood for low hanging limbs, for blind corners, because we do have crews that work on blind corners, free trimming both in right-of-way on blind corners and we also have obviously crews that work on limbs within power lines. That takes a very particular kind of training in the power lines. So let's see what we can do within our existing resources for you because we do have people where that is their job either by contract or within the city. And reorlando, I think you're going to see if we can get this address so we can take a look an and see what we can do to help. Thanks.

Martinez: One more thing, mayor. One of the things that an anomaly this year has happening in our office is we're getting a lot of calls about overgrown intersections. And when you have 40 years of -- 40 inches of rain in six months, our parks department and our staff can mow 24 hours a day right now and would not be able to keep up. I want folks to keep that in mind that it's not that anyone is shirking their responsibility or not trying to do the work that they're supposed to be be doing, it's just that we've had the most rain we've ever had in a six-month period and we simply can't keep up with the growth of blind intersections and thing of that nature.

Mayor Wynn: Our next speaker is Cynthia Valdez. Thank you. Appreciate your patience. You will be followedly Rita Gonzalez-

Garza.

Thank you very much, mayor. Thank you all of you who are here. I am here representing mothers against discriminatory racism and education in society. First and foremost, MADRE stands against any unjust immigration policy and practice that imprisons children and causes pain and suffering to their families. This is federal policy and practice. But it is morally, ethically and philosophically wrong. We are a nation of immigrants. And answer to the call, give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free. This is what brings us here today, but is not the only issue that needs to be addressed. MADRES supports a free education system, one that is held accountable to each and every one of us that votes on a governmental body to oversee our education, that service and ensure that all its employees and that its agencies or that its institutions are certified and accredited and they comply with the law. It is our hope that you will as a city council also work to implement financial requirements that would allow for any agency, corporation, be they private or corporate, or for profit, to come here that's interested in entering into contracts with you, to be required to supply full disclosure as to their compliance with other contractors that they may hold anywhere else, either in the city, state, federal level, in our state or any other state. I ask this of you because it has come to our understanding that there were no existing policies in place to ensure that agencies coming to you for our taxpayers dollars were actually in compliance. So that's just a financial concern that we have. There's also community concern in that Southwest Key is part of -- language is part after resolution approved by the community development commission for your consideration at today's meeting. I know that there was no money attached to it, but there was a directive to staff to look for \$800,000 to complete their public space in East Austin very close to the onston neighborhood. We are concerned not only as an organization, but as a community, as individuals, that full disclosure has to be required before any agency receives a taxpayer dollar. You all have already given Southwest Key almost a million dollars of free money. You've given them a grant and you've given them zero interest loan, forgivable loan. [Buzzer Sounds] And before anymore dollars are expended, we would like for you to investigate the concerns that we have been raised by the New Mexico labor commission, by the New Mexico children, youth and family department. What I have here today is the state of New Mexico legislative newspaper, it's from the legislative

finance committee that shows that there were major management concerns with the Southwest Key facility that was located in the Las Cruces New Mexico area. It was called the juvenile justice rehabilitation center. That was just some invitation that we received in the last day. There are official documents here that show that there are employees that were not paid by Southwest Key when they left that facility. They're from the New Mexico department of labor and labor and division that goes to employment practices that were practiced there at this facility by this agency. And those are just questions -- these are factual -- these are actual documents. They're not newspaper clippings and they're not rumors, they're actually documents. This is from the state of New Mexico legislative finance committee. I'd like for you all to require that policies be implemented because I don't think have you one in place that ensures that everybody is compliant with all the contracts before entering into it. That most of all, we want you to know that Austin is a safe haven community and as a safe haven community, you should be concerned about the practice of detaining children by any agency or intergovernmental body. That devastates families, it leaves a psychological, emotional scar on the -- scar on the child and there's no one left behind to provide the necessary counselor to go those children when they get deported, as many of them do, or are reunited with the family member after a period of time. For a child to remain in a facility where they are not allowed to be with their families, make phone calls, bond with their people who are from their country, that scars them forever. And when they are deported, the results of that could contribute to the growth and the terrorists activity or mentality that exists in the state of the world today.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Our next speaker is Rita Gonzalez-Garza. Welcome. You will be followed by Kenneth KOYM.

Thank you. I am here today on behalf of the league of united Latin American citizens, district 7. I am the district director. We are made up of 18 councils here in the Austin area, including Travis, Williamson and five surrounding counties. I am here to request that the city pull resolution number 0 '0612-03 community development commission, which directs the staff to explore creative sources of funding to fund the completion of Southwest Key's facility. That is part of item number 23 which approves the action plan for 2008-2009. LULAC cannot support the city utilizing funds to fund any entity which detains unaccompanied minors or any immigrants that come here to this country seeking a better life. Again, as Ms. Valdez

noted, Austin is a safe haven community and we should practice that in our funding also when we decide who we're going to provide funds to. The other concerns that we have is that the City's consolidated plan listed housing and community development as the most critical needs. It also stated that no new public services are proposed. Other concerns that I have regarding Southwest Key is their lack of local oversight. They have an advisory committee or council. I don't know what they call it. From what I understand, it is -- they do not keep minutes. It is not a formal body. That's an important concern because who are they answerable to here? They meet all over the country, their national board of directors. Another concern about southwest key is I don't believe that they made it known to the community, especially East Austin when they came in seeking support from neighborhood associations and people in the community, they didn't make known that they're in the business of operating detention facilities. Not only in Texas, but all over the country. And in Puerto Rico. I urge the city and this community development commission to continue seeking projects that will promote the education and promote the provision of public services for the citizens of East Austin and southeast Austin. I do not support the city providing public funds -- [Buzzer Sounds] -- to Southwest Key. Thank you very much.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Next speaker is Kenneth KOYM, to be followed by GUSTAVO Rodriguez. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] (1:00 p.m.)

Mayor Wynn: We are out of closed session in executive session we completed items 94, 95 and 96. 96 was a real estate matter that relates to a potential action item number 97. I appreciate a brief staff presentation.

Before you on the dais are two different ordinances for agenda item 97. One ordinance is an ordinance accepting the bid offer from William Jeff Maddox for the sale of the tract of land consisting of 7.07 acres located at 6365 ranch road 620 south, a total sealed bid amount of 1,210,000. You also have on the agenda another ordinance which rejects all sealed bids, which would be the one sealed bid with an option. Staff recommends that you adopt the ordinance accepting the bid of Mr. Maddox.

Mayor Wynn: Questions of staff? Not, I'll entertain a motion on item number 97. Choosing one of the two ordinances. Motion by

Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Leffingwell to approve the ordinance for item number 97 accepting this bid. Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.? Opposed? Motion passes on a vote of six to zero with Councilmember McCracken off the dais.

Thank you, mayor.

Mayor Wynn: Council, that takes us to our afternoon briefing we posted as item 98, which is the presentation of the City of Austin proposed budget for fiscal year '07-'08 and will recognize the city manager.

Futrell: Council, today we present our 2008 budget. And this budget continues our reinvestment in our organization that we began in 2006 and it responds to the continuing growth that we're experiencing in Austin. The continued reinvestment in our organization is necessary to shore up internal support systems that are critical to the efficient delivery of services. Internal support systems that were weakened when we cut back administrative during the downturn now need to be rebuilt. But this budget also responds to the phenomenal growth that we are seeing in Austin and adds additional resources to deal with the front loaded demands of that growth. Our current economic outlook is strong. The recovery that began in 2005 is well underway and is reflected in our projections for 2008. We have every reason to be optimistic about our future in Austin, but the challenge we face in 2008 is how we continue to rebuild our organization and deal with the demands of growth at the same time. So in some ways 2008 is a transition year for us. We need to look back in the organization where we cut back and have not rebuilt sufficiently. At the same time we need to look ahead and prepare for the continued transformation of Austin into a major metropolitan area. We first showed you this chart last year. Mayor, I know you've talked about this growth chart in many different speeches and it's a remarkable graphic how Austin has consistently doubled in population virtually every 20 years since 1885, give or take a year or two. The conclusion from this chart is inescapable. That Austin's growth may slow for two or three years, but it's going to quickly resume and accelerate and that's just what we've seen in the last several years. Here's another graphic Showing how Austin has grown both in land area and in comparison to other cities. To the right of the map you see that in 1960 Austin was the 67th largest city in the country. Smaller than other cities such as Flint, Michigan and

Dayton, Ohio. Now, within a decade, by 1970, Austin's area had grown and we climbed 13 places in the rankings to the 54th largest city. We continued to expand during the 70's and by 1980 we climbed to 42nd place, moving up 12 places. After more growth in the 1980's, by 1990 we had leap frogged to being the 27th largest city in the country, having moved up 40 places in just 30 years. And today we're the 16th largest city in the country and on track to overtake Columbus, Ohio for 15th. What you have seen is a 430% increase in our square miles. It's an increase in 240 square miles, from is low in 1960 of 56 square miles to today of 296 square miles, just a phenomenal growth pattern that you won't see in many urban cities in this country today. And I think that the conclusion here is also inescapable, that Austin will be dealing with big city issues for years to come. And as we continue to attract people and businesses relocating from other areas of the country, we're going to deal with those issues also. So again, we need to position this organization for the future, and we can do that by reinvesting in those areas of the organization that have not yet been rebuilt, that are dealing with the cutbacks from the downturn and with rapid growth and demand. And then we must deal specifically with the growth itself, and this proposed budget contains resources for both of these objectives.

Council, with that introduction, let me go over what you will see with the rest of this presentation. We will start with how the forecast gap was closed. After walking you through how we balanced the proposed budget, we'll show you and the citizens watching this presentation how to easily access the extensive budget information that's available in our budget documents. We're going to talk you through the results of the annual citizens survey and then we're going to move into an overview of the 2008 budget for specific information on the following nine elements of the budget, general fund revenue, workforce investments, council priority investments, neighborhood investments, new core service investments. We'll move then into departmental highlights from the general fund. We'll go over the budget stabilization reserve and the use of one-time funds. We'll move into capital projects, the 2006 bond program, and be then we'll move to the enterprise rates and fees. We'll close by going over the budget schedule for departmental presentations, public hearings and council budget deliberations in September. The forecast is just the very beginning of the process. The forecast is a top down or macro look at the upcoming years. It's not a bomb up microlook at the next year because it's the start of the budget process and we start with a top down view of the upcoming year in

the broader context of the following years. At the point we begin putting together the forecast we only have four or five months of data on the current year, so it's hard to predict with precision at that point how the current year will unfold. By putting together the forecast is a valuable exercise. It's a starting place for departments, the city manager's team and the council. It allows us to identify trends and problems and it ensures that our operating budget is linked up with our capital budget. That is, that we've identified the operating cost of new facilities or other capital projects and we've included them in our operating budget projections. Now, it's not uncommon to show a gap in our general fund forecast and we've heard a lot about the forecast gap over the last few weeks. In the last 10 years, that gap, the forecast point, has varied dollarwise from a high of 38 million to a low of two million. Percentagewise the gap has varied from about 7.4% to a low of less than a half a percent. This year we closed a 27 and a half-million-dollar shortfall going from forecast to the proposed budget. This gap was about four and a half percent of the total general fund spending. Essentially in line with the average 4.3% for the last 10 years of forecast gaps. We're going to provide, council, a detailed explanation of how we close the gap through the budget Q and A process after this presentation, so it will probably be your very first written budget Q and A question and answer. But this slide shows a summarized version, so let's start with the revenue slides. We made a total of 23 changes on the revenue side in getting from the forecast to the proposed budget. With 18 increases and five decreases in revenue. The most significant revenue changes were the addition of 10.9 million in property tax revenue by proposing at the roll back rate. The transfer of five million dollars from the budget stabilization reserve. The addition of 3.5 million in projected development revenue. The addition of 800,000 in sales tax by changing the estimated growth rate for 2008 from 7 and a half percent to eight percent. And finally, the 3.7 million and all the other revenue changes we've talked about, which again we'll detail for you through our Q and A process. In total, all of these changes added 23.9 million in revenue. Now let's turn to the expenditure side. Because our expenditure budget is much more detailed than our revenue budget, the scrubbing that we talk about doing in the budget process involved more changes to expenditures than to revenues. We made numerous changes, 56 different categories of expense, with net decreases to 28 categories as well as net increases to the remaining 28 categories. Through a detailed department by department analysis, we reduced our cost drivers by 2.1 million, and

our new core service investments by 1.5 million for a total reduction of 3.6 million in expenditures. So let's take a minute to drill down into the changes to our cost drivers. There were a number of adjustments made both positive and negative. We're going to talk just for a moment about the highlighted ones. We made adjustments to public safety cost drivers for a net decrease of about \$700,000. The largest adjustments were a decrease of a million dollars for step and longevity and an increase of 150,000 for the jail contract with Travis County. Both of these adjustments were refinements from the numbers provided to us by the department at forecast time. At forecast we estimated the cost for the general fund compensation review for employees based on the cost of the 2006 market review. However, since the forecast our human resources department has completed a detailed analysis of that compensation review and the cost has increased by about a million dollars. We've also increased the cost for our payroll accrual. Approximately every 10 years the city has an extra pay period. And under the generally accepted accounting principles, we have to accrue one-10th of the cost of that pay period every year. Finally, there were a number of adjustments made to our other estimated cost increases, the largest of which were a reduction to our transfers to the worker's comp fund and the liability reserve fund. Both which of do not need the level of estimated funds we forecast. We reduced these transfers by approximately \$3 million. So in summary, the 2008 proposed budget is balanced and it's balanced at the rollback tax rate, a combination of 23 revenue changes and changes to 56 expenditure categories, close to 27.5-million-dollar -- closed the 27.5-million-dollar gap, while still providing for investments in our workforce, neighborhoods and council priorities. Additionally, new core service investments were made to strengthen internal controls and provide growth related service enhancements. Now I'll turn it over to Greg who is going to go over the budget primer.

Thank you, city manager. As Toby mentioned, today we're going to do something a little bit different that we haven't done in the past as part of today's budget presentation. That's actually walk through the budget documents that we put together. While all of you are familiar with all the information that we present, we recognize that to those watching at home and listening in the audience that sometimes these budget documents may seem a bit daunting to open up and crack open. But while they are dense and there are four volumes in total, they are organized in a logical way that neighbors easy to get

what you are looking for. And just let me show you this is a copy of our proposed budget cover and these four volumes are up in your offices now and they are also available on the Internet and the pictures on there are pictures of the soon to be opened Town Lake park as soon as the rain stops. I know Warren is ready to get it open. So let's start with going through the volumes. As I said, there are four of them. The executive summary, two performance volumes and a support service 'document. And let me quickly mention again that these are all on the Internet and they will be also in our branch libraries available for the public. So starting with the executive summary, this is the one that really has the most information about all of the city departments and all of the city funds. I'm actually going to walk you through the parks department, walk the parks department through the four volumes that we have put together. And because the documents are arranged and structured around each of our departments, what you see for parks is what you will see for all the other departments. When we begin the internal budget process in the fall of each year with the annual business planning process in which departments reaffirm and where necessary make changes to how services they deliver are structured and organized both from a management perspective as well as from a budgeting perspective, the services are categorized into programs, pardon has 10 of them. And each program is further segmented into activities. The organization of programs and activities are the first page of each department in the executive summary. Behind this page is PARD's missions and goals and key indicators which serve as a high level road map of where and how PARD is delivering a wide array of services to the citizens of Austin. Following this session in the executive summary for the department it, details out the significant changes section. What it does is detail out for each of these programs how they have changed budgetarily from the current year to the proposed year. It shows both dollars and F.T.E.'s. And if a department has more than one funding source, there will be multiple significant changes page. Basically one for each fund. For example, PARD, in addition to being funded by the general fund, the majority of its funding, it also has a recreation fund, a softball fund and a golf fund. We'll all be located here as well. Again, the structure is repeated for each of the city departments throughout the executive summary. The next volume is what we call the performance volume, which for each department gives detailed information on each of the programs and again the underlying activities. General fund and support services are found in volume 1, the enterprise fund is in

volume 2. The first page for each department like in the executive summary, charts out the program activity structure again. Following that is a summary page for each program shown here as PARD's community services program, listing out each of the activities with F.T.E. and budget information for all funding sources. Behind the program sum I have a page for each of the activities that are part of that program. Shown here is the recreation center activity for the PARD community services program. And again, you can find prior year, current year and proposed F.T.E.'s and budget. Most importantly, the activities contain the performance measures for services we provide, how much we provide, how much it costs and how well we do it. So for every activity in the city, of which there are 400 direct service activities alone, there are multiple ways we measure how we are doing -- how we are performing the underlying service. All of the City's performance measures, both the ones presented on these activity pages, as well as those not in the document, totaling over 3,000, are available on the Internet on the City's E purse system. The final volume is our supporting documents volume and it's kind of a hodgepodge of information. It contains the City's financial policies, economic data, proposed ordinances, among others. The two that I'll point out to you are the capital out lay list and this lists out by departments those one-time funds that are planned to be purchased in the upcoming year. For example, for PARD it shows the one time items for the recreation centers that are about to open. The other section also organized by department and then funding source is all the City's fees and rates. So that completes it. There are the four volumes. And again, these have all been delivered to your offices and are available in the Internet and will be in the library for our citizens to look at. So with that I'll turn it back to the city manager.

So that gives you a road map for how you can go through every department, every program, every activity and every performance measurement for every activity and see every significant budget change made to each department through our budget documents. Now let's turn to the citizen survey. One of the tools we use during the budget process is our annual citizen survey, which helps us analyze where we may need to invest in improving our service delivery. Every year we ask our citizens to complete an extensive survey in which we attempt to identify citizen priorities and concerns and then gauge satisfaction with the services that we provide. We analyze the responses we receive in several different ways, citywide

by what part of the city the residents live in, by ethnicity, by household income. Today I will provide you with the highlights of the citywide survey results. A draft copy of the citywide data has been provided to you along with the budget document and it has been posted on the website so that you can more fully study the responses. A final copy of the full survey with more detail by ethnicity, household income, area of the city, will be provided by mid August. I want to mention one other issue about the survey demographics before I talk about the responses. Over the years the city has worked to increase the number of minority respondents to more accurately reflect Austin's population. In 2007 -- the 2007 survey showed significant progress in this area. African-Americans increased by five percent from 6.5 percent in 2006 to 11.8 percent in 2007. And Hispanics increased by approximately 7 percent from 10 and a half percent in 2006 to 17.3 percent this year. We continue, however, to struggle to get an adequate representation of our Asian citizens in our survey and our responses decreased this year. We're only receiving 1.6% and this is inadequate with a population that's approaching six percent in our community. So we are going to be redoubling our efforts next year at obtaining a larger number of Asian respondents to our survey. Let's start with the first survey dimension, citizen priorities and concerns. As part of the survey, we always ask an open-ended question about the general concerns of citizens. This year when we asked Austinites to cite the three most important issues that Austin faces, the same top three issues emerged almost across all areas of the city. Mobility issues were ranked number 1. Growth management was ranked number two and affordable housing number three. Beyond these concerns, Austinites also ranked other issues of importance as you see here. The fourth most expressed concern was that of crime, crime rate and safety. The quality of police services. This had to do with everything from use of force to just different ways to equate the quality of services was ranked fifth. And that was followed by tax-related issues, road conditions and new roads, pollution-related issues, cost of living and finally mass transit at 10. The second survey dimension is about priorities, so we've moved from concerns to priorities. When we asked our citizens to rank the priority of services they receive from the city, they responded in the order you see here. The numbers in parenthesis are the ranking from last year. Public safety services led by police, then fire and E.M.S., continue to be at the top of the list of priorities. Just as they've been in all the past years that I've been here as city manager. Austin citizens ranked affordable housing as their highest

priority following public safety. Environmental protection, the quality of our drinking water and the preservation of green space ranks fifth. Following those top five priorities are, in order, traffic slow and synchronization, health care and services to low income citizens, parks, libraries and economic development efforts. The third and final survey dimension is citizen satisfaction. In surveying citizen satisfaction with the quality of services they receive from the city, our citizens voiced slightly lower degrees of satisfaction with public safety services than last year. I will say, though, in general the deviations were so small as to be considered statistically insignificant. The survey uses a four point scale with one being very dissatisfied and four being very satisfied. Further additions to maintenance staffing in the 2008 proposed budget, coupled with the citizen's approval of the November parks bond package, should help to further increase satisfaction with the appearance of -- and satisfaction with parks facilities in the future. I'm sorry, I skipped over here. Let me back up a little bit to public safety. As has been the case historically, fire and E.M.S. services were rated high in terms of satisfaction, with police being somewhat lower. In particular, minority residents expressed less satisfaction with public safety services than other residents, but this has also been the case historically in our surveys. So moving off of public safety, now back to parks. Satisfaction with our parks department program is in the somewhat high range, but it's shown significant improvement, even starting out high since 2006. In fact, responsive to the 2007 survey showed increased satisfaction with virtually all services provided by the parks and recreation department. And I believe that this is indicative of the additional resources that the council has been providing in the department and recent operating budgets in both program and maintenance areas. And that's where we get to the point that the further additions to maintenance, staffing in the 2008 proposed budget coupled with the approval of the bond package in November I think will further increase satisfaction with the appearance of and satisfaction of parks facilities in the future. Now moving to the library. About 60% of our citizens indicate they use the library services during the year. The overall rating for the services has increased slightly over last year, with satisfaction related to youth programs and the Austin history services showing the most improvement. We have a series of questions that relate to quality of life issues. Satisfaction with the City's efforts to improve the quality of life in Austin are generally high when it comes to neighborhood liveability and downtown vitality. However, overall responses to quality of life

questions were mixed. Satisfaction with downtown vitality improved, while neighborhood liveability and pedestrian friendly responses showed decreasing satisfaction levels. Faye results also continue to show that Austin residents are likewise satisfied with the quality of our environmental programs, conservation, clean water, the preservation of green space. The preservation of green space is virtually unchanged since 2006. In parks and additional land is purchased with the 2006 bond funds, we expect that this measure will improve. We have a series of questions that have to do with infrastructure. Satisfaction with services that maintain and repair our infrastructure is not as high as in other areas. After showing significant improvement in 2006, survey responses related to road condition in Austin have declined to 2005 levels. Almost 62% of respondents view road conditions as good or mostly good, but that's down from 70 percent last year. In 2007 the city increased the percent of lane miles maintained on an annual basis from eight to nine percent. However, the majority of this new maintenance cannot occur until the summer because of weather related issues to repair work. And that's after the citizen survey is administered. So as a result, we're not expecting to see the results of these additional investments in road maintenance reflected in the citizen responses until next year's survey. The trend of increased funding for maintenance of road continues in the 2008 proposed budget with an increase in lane miles maintained to nine and a half percent, so we've gone from eight to nine to nine and a half percent in the upcoming proposed budget. This increased funding coupled with bond funds with road construction from the recent bond election should help to increase the scores in the future. Although still low, satisfaction with traffic low and traffic signal timing on city streets has continued to increase steadily since we began surveying residents. Both of these categories remain in the top 10 citizen issues in 2007. And while not highlighted on this chart, I want to mention three other areas in which satisfaction results improved from previous years. Let's start with Austin energy. Last year's spring storms in Austin coincided with the administration of the 2006 survey. And it negatively impacted last year's results related to electric service reliability, timely responses to power outages and tree trimming around power lines. After a great deal of focus by family and by staff on the issue of Austin energy's tree trimming and emergency response activities, the results in these areas have rebounded. Austin energy continues to work closely within the neighborhoods to balance the need to keep trees trimmed around the power lines,

while preserving the beauty and shade of those trees in the neighborhoods. The next issue is the one-stop development shop and development activity in general. One of the areas in which we have focused much time and much resources over the last several years, was the creation of a centralized and streamlined, one stop development shop. And that included the installation of Amanda, a new automated permitting system. Our investments and the massive amounts of time that staff has devoted to improving these processes have paid off. In 2007 for the first time in four years, customers indicated significantly higher levels of satisfaction with the permitting and development processes. I almost want to repeat that one more time. Despite an extraordinarily high work load, the satisfaction levels in these areas increased by over 10 percent as a result of our efforts. The third area has to do with value. Bang for the buck. Finally, responses to the question, are you getting your money's worth from the city services you received, showed significant improvement. In 2007 over 64 percent of respondents had high or very high satisfaction levels compared to only 51% in 2006. And we asked a new question this year. This year for the first time citizens were asked would they recommend Austin to a friend as a place to live. Approximately 81 percent indicated that they agreed or strongly agreed with this statement, and 83% rated the overall quality of life in Austin as high. Now, I'm going to turn it back over to Greg to review the general fund revenue picture.

Thank you, city manager. I'm just going to quickly walk you through a high level picture of our general fund side, the revenue side of our general fund. As the city manager mentioned, the proposed 2008 budget is balanced with total revenue of \$592 million. And again, we generally view our revenue as four roughly equal pieces of a pie. Property taxes is the largest piece at 31 percent or \$185 million. And I'll go into more detail about property tax in the significant slides. The proposed budget is based on eight percent growth in sales tax over our current year and it's a continuation of our relatively strong growth we've been experiencing here in Austin. Total sales tax revenue is 165 million, 28 percent of our total revenue. The transfers mainly from Austin energy and Austin water utility are the third piece and 21% of the total. And as was reconfirmed during the policy discussion that we had in had May, the proposed 2008 budget is built around maintaining the transfer rates of 8.2% from Austin energy -- from Austin water utility and 9.1 percent from Austin energy. Along with the proposed transfer of five million dollars from

the budget stabilization reserve fund, this results in \$121 million of revenue. And finally, all of our other revenue, franchise fees, charges for services, such as E.M.S. and park entrance fees, development revenue, fines such as parking fines, traffic and library fines, and interest revenue is \$120 million, 20% of our total revenue. As discussed earlier specifically, the projections for this other revenue have been worked on and analyzed since we are here before you with the forecast. For example, we were able to increase development revenue for FY '08 based on the trends that we're currently seeing this year. This \$592 million in revenue is \$57 million higher than our current year amended budget. Of this amount, 52 million or 91%, is going to fund increases in base budget and cost drivers. The remaining 5.4 million or nine percent of new revenue has been invested in services impacted by growth as well as to enhance internal controls. I'd like to go over a bit more detail of the largest piece of our revenue, which is our property tax. The proposed tax rate is 41.2 cents, which is slightly less than our current tax rate of 41.26 cents. Of this amount, 27.34 cents is directed to the general fund for operations and maintenance. 13.66 cents is to pay debt service on general obligation debt that we have issued over the years as well as the debt that we will be issuing this August for the 2006 bond program. Our projections for City of Austin's total assessed valuation show an increase of 10.5% for the tax year 2007 to 66.6 billion. Included in this is new construction and annexation amount of 2.1 million, which is the same projection that we have been using since the forecast. And just a note here, we do not yet have the full certification information on the tax roll from Travis County and Williamson County appraisal districts. That should be forthcoming over the next several days and as we get that information in and we make refinements to the numbers that you see here, we will get that out to you. As we all know, Austin is one of five local taxing jurisdictions for fiscal year '07, the current combined tax rate is \$2.52, of which Austin comprises 16.4%, for a tax bill on 175,000-dollar home, Austin's share of this 4,000-dollar tax bill is 18% of the total. The county and school district bills are based on their homestead and taxable value. Just a note here, the county has proposed a tax rate of 41.1 cents, so lower than what their current tax rate is. And this is due to their new construction value, again, county wide, several weeks, we will be working to update these charges. The school district, A.C.C. and the hospital district, and we'll get these out to the council in the form after budget question. And then additionally as we've done in the past, we'll be getting the

actual detailed raw data, basically the database from both of the appraisal districts and we'll be working on the calculations of average and median home values, not only for Austin, but for our surrounding communities. Again, for a home value of \$175,000. And again, it's with applicable exceptions applied. It should be noted that these tax rates and the tax appraisals are again for the current year. But it provides an accurate, relative comparison of where we stand against our peer cities. And again, like with our local property tax information will be getting this updated proposed information from the surrounding cities and getting that back out to you as well in the form of a budget question. And with that wrap-up on the revenue, I'll turn it back over to the city manager.

Futrell:

What we're going to cover now is investing in our employees. The proposed budget continues the reinvestment in our workforce that we've been able to make in the past few years primarily by addressing pay and benefit issues. Last year we made significant progress towards rebuilding our workforce, and I believe this budget proposal will help sustain the workforce on whom we have been very fortunate to rely during our hard times as well as during these high demand growth periods. With strategic additions to our staffing in 2007 and the new core service investments we're proposing in 2008, I hope to fill critical gaps in others where staff are currently stretched thin. Insufficient staffing resources will produce problems over time and can cause burnout in any dedicated and hard working staff, no matter how much they're paid. Let's start with looking at some of our particular investments, pay for performance. The budget proposal has pay for performance. Employees on who meet expectations will receive 3.5 percent added to their base pay. Employees who exceed expectation would get another 1.5% for a total of five percent. During the downturn we eliminated this feature and rewarded exceptional performance through a lump sum payment. In budget includes the necessary -- that's an increase from the 25 percent budget in the current year. Employees reaching the maximum of their pay grade will receive a lump sum payment for the amount above that maximum. We're also proposing a market and zone adjustment or compensation review. In 2006 we completed a citywide market compensation review and that was implemented in three stages that year. The 2008 budget proposal includes 5.6 million across all funds to begin an update of our staff salaries compared to the Austin market. Where a goal of reviewing one-third of the workforce in 2008

and one-third each year after that. Reviewing one-third of the workforce each year will help us sustain the progress that we achieve through the comprehension market studies we completed in 2006. This causes an -- this causes an inequity within pay ranges. To correct that for which the market has fluctuated in the past year: We have pay based on tenure as well as the one time two percent payment for eligible employees that was introduced in 2006. The city continues to cover 1% of each -- 100% of each employee's medical and standard dental coverage by increasing it by 15% in the 2008 benefits plan. However, we were able to hold down the cost increases for our employees. For 2008 slightly less than seven percent for spouse and dependent coverage. In 2007 we introduced a new premium dental plan. It was recommended by our employee workforce committee as an additional alternative to the existing dental plan, basically offering a higher level of coverage at a higher premium to employees who opted for that enhanced plan. In 2008, we will also offer an optional employee paid premium vision plan, which will provide higher coverage for vision needs like exams, eye exams, eye classes, contact lenses. Bilingual pay, we began a bilingual pay pilot program in 2007 and we're continuing that into 2008. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] (SWITCH AT 3:15 P.M.)

THE PURPOSE OF THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS TO STRENGTHEN THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY REDUCING THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY TO AN AMOUNT THAT CAN BE AMORTIZED OVER 30 YEARS. BEGINNING IN 2007, SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING INCREASE BY 12% AS COMPENSATION PAID AS A STIPEND THAT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL WE CAN ACHIEVE THAT 30 YEAR AMORTIZATION. PAYMENT OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE DEFERRED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING BUDGET YEAR IF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACHIEVES AN OVERALL INVESTMENT RETURN OF GREATER THAN 12%. AND BECAUSE EARNED 12.5% IN 2006, THE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING WILL REMAIN AT 1% IN THE 2008 BUDGET. THIS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT WILL BE CAPPED AT NO MORE THAN 4% IN ADDITIONAL CITY CONTRIBUTIONS IN ANY ONE YEAR AND WILL BE REDUCED AS THE SYSTEM ACHIEVES ONCE AGAIN THAT 30-YEAR AMORTIZATION. THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT INCREASE THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND IT DOES NOT REDUCE FUTURE RETIREMENT BENEFITS. WE HAVE

INCLUDED 1.5 MILLION IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR COSTS RELATED TO OUR GENERAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES FUND RELATED TO THE E.R.S. CONTRIBUTION. THE ESTIMATED COST ACROSS ALL CITY FUNDS IS 3.6 MILLION AND THAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF 1% OF PAYROLL FOR NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT TRAINING JUST BRIEFLY. 2 AFTER CUTTING TRAINING SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE DOWNTURN, THIS BUDGET CONTINUES TO SLOWLY REBUILD THE DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING BUDGETS. AND TRAINING BUDGETS ARE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL IN TECHNICAL DEPARTMENTS LIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OR THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AS AN EXAMPLE. IN THE NEXT SECTION OF THIS PRESENTATION I'M GOING TO WALK YOU TO THE FUNDING INCLUDED IN PROPOSED BUDGET FOR OUR COUNCIL PRIORITIES. LET'S TURN TO THAT. CITY COUNCILS HAVE BEEN DEFINING THEIR POLICY PRIORITIES SINCE THE EARLY 1990s. IN NOVEMBER 2006, THIS COUNCIL MET TO REASSESS THE CITY'S VISION, THE CITY'S PRIORITIES, AND THEY REAFFIRMED THE LONG-HELD VISION OF AUSTIN BEING THE MOST LIVABLE CITY IN THE COUNTRY. AFTER A FOLLOW-UP WORK SESSION IN FEBRUARY, WRAPPING UP THE WORK BEGUN IN NOVEMBER, COUNCIL ADOPTED FOUR NEW PRIORITIES IN APRIL. THE NEW PRIORITIES ARE: RICH SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COMMUNITY, A HEALTHY AND SAFE CITY, A VIBRANT URBAN FABRIC, AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL HEALTH. THESE FOUR PRIORITY AREAS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE 16 STRATEGIC BUDGET INITIATIVES THAT THE COUNCIL OUTLINED AS PART OF THOSE RETREATS. DURING FEBRUARY'S WORK SESSION, THE COUNCIL WORKED ON DEFINING AND REFINING WHERE OUR EMPHASIS AND FOCUS SHOULD 3 LIE IN 2008 IN ORDER TO PLAN FOR THE NECESSARY RESOURCES AND FUNDINGS FOR THESE 16 INITIATIVES THAT YOU SEE ON THE SLIDE BEFORE WE BEGAN DEVELOPING THE BUDGET. I PRESENTED A COMPREHENSIVE STATUS REPORT ON OUR PLANNING EFFORTS IN JUNE AND HAVE CONTINUED TO REFINE OUR OBJECTIONS OF RELATED COSTS SINCE THAT TIME. AS OUTLINED ON THE PIE CHART ON THIS SLIDE, FUNDING FOR THOSE COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND THE 16 INITIATIVES IS INCLUDED IN A NUMBER OF OTHER CITY FUNDS. SO THEY INCLUDE OUR GENERAL FUND, BUT THEY ALSO INCLUDE

OUR ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. ACROSS ALL CITY FUNDS ADDITIONAL FUNDING PROPOSED IN THE 2008 BUDGET RELATED TO THE COUNCIL INITIATIVES TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 3.8 MILLION IN THE GENERAL FUND, 6.9 MILLION IN OTHER OPERATING FUND BUDGETS, AND 47.2 MILLION IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND RESOURCES OF 3.8 MILLION ARE 900,000 IN EXPENDITURES THAT ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE NEW CORE SERVICE AND INVESTMENTS, AND I'M GOING TO DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION. AS BEEN OUR PRACTICE, CITY DEPARTMENTS CONDUCT AN ANNUAL RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY UNMET OPERATIONAL NEEDS THAT HAVE BECOME CRITICAL DUE TO DEMANDS OF GROWTH OR PRESSURES FROM SPENDING REDUCTIONS IN PREVIOUS YEARS. OUR RESOURCES CONTINUE TO BE 4 STRETCHED THIN IN CERTAIN AREAS. DURING THE FORECAST DEVELOPMENT, OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 21.6 MILLION OF UNMET NEEDS. THIS LIST WAS REDUCED TO 7 MILLION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CORE SERVICE INVESTMENTS WHEN WE PRESENTED AT THE FINANCIAL FORECAST. DURING BUDGET DEVELOPMENT, WE FURTHER REASSESSED NEEDS BASED ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND WE WERE ABLE TO INCLUDE 5.4 MILLION IN THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET. INCLUDING THAT 900,000 THAT'S RELATED TO THE COUNCIL BUDGET INITIATIVES FOR 2008. NOW, THIS CHART SHOWS THE NEW CORE SERVICE INVESTMENTS. AND THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES. GROWTH OR DIRECT SERVICE DELIVERY, WHICH COMPRISES 85% OR 4.6 MILLION OF THE CORE SERVICE INVESTMENT PIE, AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OR SUPPORT FUNCTIONS AT 15% OR 800,000. IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, I'LL COVER THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS THAT WILL PROVIDE YOU MORE DETAIL ON THE NEW CORE SERVICE INVESTMENTS. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE MOVE INTO THE DETAIL, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE INTERNAL CONTROL RELATED NEW INVESTMENTS. LAST YEAR WE REPORTED TO COUNCIL THAT SUPPORT SERVICE FUNCTIONS ACROSS THE CITY ARE STRAINED, BOTH WITHIN DEPARTMENTS AND AT THE CORPORATE LEVEL. WHILE WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF IMPLEMENTING CRITICAL NEW SYSTEMS AND MANAGING NEW FACILITIES, WORK LOADS

ARE 5 CONTINUING TO INCREASE AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS TO MAKE SURE THE INTEGRITY OF INTERNAL CONTROLS IN SEVERAL OF OUR DIRECT SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS OUR CORPORATE SERVICE DEPARTMENT ARE IN PLACE. THESE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS PROVIDE INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS THAT ARE CRUCIAL TO THE INTEGRITY AND WELL-BEING OF ANY ORGANIZATION. NOW, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO A SECTION WHERE I WANT TO COVER OUR INVESTMENT IN NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES. BEFORE WE WENT TO PRINT ON THE BUDGET AS A FINAL CHECK-IN ON HOW WE HAD LOADED THE PROPOSED BUDGET, WE INVITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS FROM ALL OF OUR REGISTERED ASSOCIATIONS, A LITTLE OVER 400 REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, TO A TOWN HALL MEETING TO DISCUSS THREE THINGS. WE ASKED THEM TO BRING THEIR TOP THREE NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS. WE ASKED THEM TO COME PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD BUDGET PRIORITIES. AND WE ASKED THEM TO COME PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS. WE HAD FACILITATORS IN THE ROOM AND THOSE FACILITATORS WORKED WITH 120 NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS THAT CAME TO THAT TOWN HALL MEETING REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS FROM ACROSS THE CITY, NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST, FROM AREAS THAT WERE ANNEXED IN 1997 TO URBAN CORE NEIGHBORHOODS TO EAST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THEY 6 WORKED FOR OVER FOUR HOURS. THE TOP CONCERN, AND YOU CAN SEE THE TOP FIVE ON THE SLIDE, THESE STOOD OUT VERY CLEARLY OF THE LIST THAT CAME OUT OF THAT FOUR-HOUR SESSION. THE TOP CONCERN OF THOSE ASSEMBLED WERE SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR 2008 BUDGET CONTINUES OUR INVESTMENT IN NEW SIDEWALKS AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS WITH 1.2 MILLION FOR NEW SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION FUNDING. AND THIS IS FUNDING THAT IS DEDICATED TOWARDS NEIGHBORHOODS AND NEIGHBORHOOD COLLECTORS. ADDITIONALLY PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUES TO FUND TWO DEDICATED SIDEWALK CREWS THAT COUNCIL RECENTLY ADDED IN PAST BUDGETS. THE NEXT CONCERN WAS TO ADD INCREASED NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING AND

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. PD'S BUDGET INCLUDES OVER 3 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL OVERTIME HOURS. PART OF THESE RESOURCES WILL BE USED TO ENHANCE PATROL IN THESE NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS MOST IN NEED. ONE SUCH EXAMPLE IS THE SOUTH CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S EXPERIENCED FAIRLY HIGH INCREASE IN SOME OF THESE TYPE OF ISSUES. TRAFFIC CALMING CAME IN SOLIDLY AT NUMBER 3. THE CITY'S TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1997. AND AROUND THAT TIME FRAME WE FUNDED TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS FOR ABOUT 13 NEIGHBORHOODS. HOWEVER, THE PROGRAM WAS 7 ELIMINATED AS PART OF THE BUDGET CUTBACKS EARLIER IN THE DECADE. NOW, THE 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST SEVEN YEARS \$900,000 TO RESTART THIS PROGRAM. OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL IDENTIFY THREE TO FOUR NEIGHBORHOODS FOR TRAFFIC CALMING INSTALLATION IN 2008. NEIGHBORHOODS' FOURTH AREA OF CONCERN WAS CODE ENFORCEMENT. OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT BUDGET FOR 2008 ADDS AN ADDITIONAL FIVE POSITIONS FOR INSPECTIONS AND COMPLIANCE, AND THIS IS AN AREA THAT THE COUNCIL HAS STEADILY BEEN INCREASING RESOURCES. SINCE 2005, OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES HAVE INCREASED 80%. IN THE RELATED AREA OF GRAFFITI ABATEMENT, THIS PROPOSED BUDGET ADDS THREE MORE F.T.E.S AND A CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS TO EXPAND CLEANUPS AND IMPROVE CLEANUP TURNED-AROUND TIME. THE LAST OF THE TOP FIVE ISSUES THAT CAME OUT OF THIS PROCESS WAS PARKS AND PARKS MAINTENANCE. ONCE AGAIN THIS IS AN AREA WHERE THE COUNCIL OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY REINVESTING. THE PROPOSED BUDGET ADDRESSES THIS CONCERN HEAD ON WITH AN ADDITIONAL 15 AND A HALF POSITIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF OUR PARKS AND PARKS FACILITIES. ADDITIONALLY 14 MILLION IN BOND DOLLARS IS ALLOCATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR PARKS FACILITIES INCLUDING POOLS, PLAYSCAPES AND RECREATION CENTERS. 8 AS WELL AS THE BEGINNING OF PARK LAND ACQUISITION THAT IS DEDICATED FOR INFILL PARKS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. I'LL GO OVER THESE IN MORE DETAIL WHEN I WALK YOU THROUGH THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PARKS PROPOSED BUDGET. AND FINALLY, WHEN WE

GOT TO BUDGET PRIORITIES, THE TOP RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT THAT CAME OUT OF MEETING WAS A REQUEST FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD OMBUDSMAN FUNCTION. NOW, THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO BE PUTTING A SMALL AMOUNT OF DOLLARS TO GO WITH EACH ADOPTED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, AND THIS WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN HALL MEETING. AND THE CONSENSUS WAS FAIRLY OVERWHELMING THAT THEY WOULD PREFER THAT THESE DOLLARS INSTEAD BE USED TO CREATE THE OMBUDSMAN FUNCTION FOR NEIGHBORHOODS AS A WHOLE. SO THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES ADDING FOUR NEW POSITIONS TO CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD OMBUDSMAN FUNCTION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY LEADERS WITH ENHANCED DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION ON SIGNIFICANT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. BASICALLY, EARLIER, BETTER INFORMATION ON NONCOMPLIANT TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT THAT'S OCCURRING. THAT INFORMATION PROVIDES THAT EARLIER NOTICE, IT SHOULD INCLUDE A PROJECT DESCRIPTION, POTENTIAL VARIANCES, 9 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, AND THEN FULL INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND TIME LINES. THESE POSITIONS ARE ALSO INTENDED TO HELP TRACK AND ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS. THIS WAS A MAJOR THEME IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING THAT THERE WASN'T THE RESOURCES OR PROCESSES IN PLACE TO TAKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS OUTSIDE OF ZONING INTO FULL IMPLEMENTATION. NOW WE MOVE INTO THE SECTION OF THE PRESENTATION THAT PROVIDES GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS WITH THE FOCUS ON NEW CORE INVESTMENTS, BASICALLY DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT. EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTAL SLIDES PROVIDES THE TOTAL PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET AT THE TOP OF THE SLIDE. IF YOU LOOK BELOW ACKNOWLEDGE TO THE LEFT, YOU SEE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMS AND COST DRIVERS AND THEN BELOW AND TO THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE YOU SEE INFORMATION ON NEW INVESTMENTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. WE BEGIN THE DEPARTMENTAL

HIGHLIGHTS WITH OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS. NOW, AS HE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, PUBLIC SAFETY COST DRIVERS MAKE UP 36.2 MILLION OR ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF OUR TOTAL COST DRIVERS. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COMMON OBSERVATIONS YOU CAN MAKE FOR EACH OF OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS. WE CONTINUE TO MEET ALL OF OUR PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRACT YOU'LL 10 OBLIGATIONS AND COUNCIL POLICY DIRECTIONS. AS WELL AS TO REPLACE CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT. THE PROPOSED BUDGET ALSO CONTINUES THE EFFORT WE BEGAN FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OF ENSURING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THEIR OVERTIME AND ARE NOT HAVING TO HOLD OFF ON THINGS LIKE COMMODITY PURCHASES IN ORDER TO MEET STAFFING NEEDS. IN ADDITION, THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS OUR POLICE, FIRE AND E.M.S. DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN CARRYING VACANCIES. VACANCIES THAT RESULT IN SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALARIES OF THOSE POSITIONS. AS POLICE AND FIRE ARE MAKING HEAD WAY ON INCREASING CLASS OF CADET FREQUENCY AND CLASS SIZE, AND E.M.S. IS MAKING HEAD WAY ON EXPANDING THEIR RECRUITING EFFORTS, THESE VACANCIES ARE BEING FILLED AND WE ARE THEREFORE HAVING TO ADJUST IN EACH DEPARTMENT'S SALARY BUDGET FOR THIS INCREASE IN STAFFING OR HIRING COST. SO NOW HAVING TOUCHED ON ALL THE GENERAL THEMES FOUND IN ALL OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COST DRIVERS, I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON THE NEW INVESTMENT IN THESE DEPARTMENTS AND LET'S START WITH E.M.S . THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT 2008 BUDGET IS PROPOSED AT \$43 MILLION. LAST YEAR THE E.M.S. BUDGET INCLUDED A PEAK LOAD AMBULANCE UNIT AND THE RELATED STAFF TO HELP E.M.S. REDUCE RESPONSE TIMES. THE PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUES TO ADDRESS RESPONSE TIMES WITH 11 THE ADDITION OF A SECOND AMBULANCE PEAK LOAD UNIT AND THE CREW TO ROVE AT TIMES IN AREAS OF THE CITY WHERE CALL VOLUMES ARE HIGH. THE ADDITION WILL ALLOW E.M.S. STAFF TO FURTHER TARGET THE BUSIEST SECTION OF OUR SERVICE AREA WHICH IS BASICALLY IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT DEFINED AS THE AREA OUTLINED BY THE ON COLORADO RIVER, ED BLUESTEIN BOULEVARD AND MOPAC. TOTAL GENERAL FUND COST FOR THE SIX PARAMEDICS TO

STAFF THE ROVING AMBULANCE IS 437,000, PLUS ANOTHER 276,000 IN ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR THE AMBULANCE. THE IMPACT OF HIGH CALL VOLUMES IS ALSO BEING FELT IN THE COMMUNICATION UNITS OF E.M.S. SINCE 2001, NO RESOURCES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THIS AREA WHILE CALL VOLUME HAS INCREASED BY OVER 25%. AVERAGE CALL PROCESSING TIME IS ALSO INCREASED FROM 58 SECONDS TO 70 SECONDS SINCE 2003. THE ADDITION OF SIX MEDICS, ONE COMMUNICATION SUPERVISOR, ONE QUALITY ASSURANCE POSITION WILL ENHANCE E.M.S.'S ABILITY TO QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY -- AS WELL AS ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN MAINTAINING THEIR COMMUNICATION CENTER EXCELLENCE ACCREDITATION. AN E.M.S. ACADEMY INSTRUCTOR HAS BEEN ADDED TO EXPAND THE CURRENT AID TRAINING PROGRAM AIMED AT PREPARING AND DEVELOPING FUTURE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL. WE HAD WILD SUCCESS IN THIS PROGRAM IN THE FIRST YEAR. THIS YEAR NINE STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM AID AFTER 12 GOING THROUGH THIS TRAINING PROGRAM. AND E.M.S. IS ENCOURAGING THEM TO ATTEND THE ACC PARAMEDIC PROGRAM THROUGH MENTORING AND COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO INTERACT WITH E.M.S. STAFF. AT THEIR GRADUATION, ALL NINE INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM. THIS YEAR THAT SAME A.C.C. PROGRAM GRADUATED NINE STUDENTS FROM THEIR INITIAL CLASS AND ALL HAVE BEEN HIRED BY E.M.S. THIS IS SOME OF THE BIGGEST HEAD WAY WE HAVE MADE IN RECRUITING IN E.M.S. IN SOME TIME AND I'M VERY ENCOURAGED BY THIS PROGRAM. THE LAST BULLET HIGHLIGHTS THE CAPITAL BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES 775,000 IN 2006 BOND FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF OUR NEW E.M.S. STATION AT MILLER, AT THE MILLER REDEVELOPMENT. I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SEVERAL COST DRIVERS AND NEW INVESTMENTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSED AT \$220 MILLION. MAINTAINING 2.0 OFFICERS PER THOUSAND WILL REQUIRE THE ADDITION OF 39 NEW OFFICERS IN 2008, AN ADDITIONAL 34 NEW OFFICERS ARE NEEDED TO COVER ANNEXATION REQUIREMENTS. AND ARE INCLUDED WITH PARTIAL YEAR FUNDING. TOGETHER, \$3.5 MILLION IS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 73 NEW OFFICERS, SALARIES AND

BENEFITS. NOW, A TOTAL OF 120 CADETS ARE PLANNED FOR 2008, AND THAT COVERS THE 73 NEW OFFICERS AND 47 ATTRITION POSITIONS FOR 13 NEXT YEAR. TO ACCOMMODATE RISING DEMAND FOR SERVICES AND HIGHER WAGE RATES AS WELL AS TO FROM YOU UP OVERTIME HOURS, ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF \$3.2 MILLION IS INCLUDED FOR OVERTIME. THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE ABILITY TO TARGET LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS IN KEY AREAS SUCH AS THE SOUTH CENTRAL COMMAND AREA AND DOWNTOWN. ONE OF COUNCIL'S PRIORITY FOCUSED AREA FOR ENHANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT. OVER TIME, FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR PROGRAMS SUCH AS HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT, ADDRESSING ISSUES THAT CONTINUE TO BE HIGH PRIORITIES FOR BOTH OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND CITIZENS AS INDICATED IN OUR ANNUAL CITIZEN SURVEY. DURING 2008, A GRANT THAT FUNDS A BALLISTIC SPECIALIST WILL EXPIRE. THE PROPOSED BUDGET ADDS A POSITION AND 68,000 TO REPLACE THIS LOSS AND THEREFORE PREVENT THE GROWTH IN THE BACKLOG OF ENTRY OF BALLISTIC TEST RESULTS WHICH CURRENTLY STANDS AT UP TO SIX MONTHS. FOR 2008 NEW INVESTMENT WERE FOCUSED IN INTERNAL AND CONTROL AREAS FOR POLICE. AN ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN IS ADDED FOR THE ALARM UNIT WITH INCREASE IN PERMITTING THIS THIS AREA, TWO FINANCIAL POSITIONS STRENGTHEN GRANT ACCOUNT AGO AND OVERALL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND BUDGET ANALYSIS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, A HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT IS PROPOSED AS A RESULT OF THE GROWTH IN DEPARTMENTAL POSITIONS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. 14 THE COST FOR THESE POSITIONS IN TOTAL 213,000. THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FUNDS PRELIMINARY WORK ON THE NEW NORTHEAST SUBSTATION, A PART OF THE 2006 BOND ELECTION. NOW MOVING TO FIRE, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALS \$116.9 MILLION AND PROVIDES FUNDING FOR ENHANCED TASK FORCE STAFFING AT ALL 44 STATIONS. IN ADDITION, PARTIAL YEAR FUNDING AND 20 NEW F.T.E.S ARE INCLUDED FOR THE AVERY RANCH STATION THAT'S SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN JULY 2008. WE'RE PROPOSING ADDITION TO THE DISPATCH AREA OF FIRE OF TWO F.T.E.S AND \$101,000. ONE POSITION WILL REPLACE A CIVILIAN WHO IS SLATED TO RETIRE, AND

THAT'S REQUIRED BY THE CURRENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. THE OTHER POSITION WILL EXPAND DISPATCH TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF INCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES. THIS IS A NEW POSITION AND EXPANSION OF SERVICES. ONCE AGAIN, ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE GOING IN FIRE, THE PROPOSED BUDGET ENHANCES AISD'S FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM, THE LBJ HIGH SCHOOL FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY. THROUGH THE DIGS OF 59,000 FOR TEMPORARY INSTRUCTORS. 2007 WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF THIS TWO-YEAR ACADEMIC PROGRAM. 18 JUNIORS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM AND ARE ELIGIBLE TO ADVANCE TO THE SENIOR LEVEL. AN ADDITIONAL 28 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO ENTER THE 15 PROGRAM IN THE FALL OF 2007. AND WHAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT HERE IS HOW THIS PROGRAM IS HELPING AS WE ARE MOVING INTO NEW WAYS OF TRYING TO HELP IN OUR DIVERSITY EFFORTS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. TO DATE OUR DIVERSITY NUMBERS IN THIS PROGRAM HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING WITH OVER 90% OF THE PARTICIPATIONS BEING MINORITY STUDENTS. ADDITION OF SUPPORT STAFF AND INTERNAL CONTROLS IS ALSO A FOCUS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS UNIFORM STAFF HAS INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 200 POSITIONS WITH NO INCREASE IN CIVILIAN SUPPORT POSITIONS. TO SUPPORT FIREFIGHTER BREATHING AIR SYSTEM OPERATIONS, A FOURTH AIR TECHNICIAN IS BEING PROPOSED AT A COST OF 58,000. IN ADDITION, FOUR POSITIONS AND 253,000 ARE ADDED FOR POSITIONS TO HELP MAINTAIN GROWING FINANCIAL, INVENTORY OFTEN OTHER CONTROLS. THE TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT IS \$6.1 MILLION. WHICH INCLUDES ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH OFFICERS. IN ADDITION, THE GENERAL FUND IS PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 124,000 FOR THE DOWNTOWN PARKS PATROL AS A RESULT OF THE LOSS OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE FUNDING FOR THAT FUNCTION. THE 2008 MUNICIPAL COURT BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT IS PROPOSED AT 11.6 MILLION. BOTH THE COURT AND THE DAC COURT CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE 16 VOLUME. EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY 14,500 INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ARE

PRESENTED TO CLEAR NO INSURANCE TICKETS. EVEN WITH THE ADDITION OF A POSITION IN 2007, COURT STAFF CURRENTLY HAS A BACKLOG OF APPROXIMATELY 6800 INSURANCE POLICIES TO VERIFY AND CLEAR. SIMILARLY, STAFF SPENDS 25 TO 30 HOURS PER WEEK HANDLING REQUESTS FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED TO PROCESS CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED WHICH IS MANDATED BY STATE LAW. AND THE NUMBER OF THESE REQUESTS IS SUSPECTED TO CONTINUE INCREASING. THE ADDITION OF TWO COURT CLERK ASSISTANTS AND 89,000 IS RECOMMENDED TO HANDLE THIS INCREASING WORKLOAD. THE COST OF ONE OF THESE POSITIONS SHOULD BE PARTIALLY OFF SET BY THE REVENUE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST DUE TO DISMISSAL OF TICKETS WITH INVALID INSURANCE. THE NUMBER OF CASES FILLED AT THE D.A.C. HAVE STEADILY INCREASED OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS PRIMARILY DUE TO EXPANDED EAST AND WEST JURISDICTIONS. AN ADDITIONAL COURT CLERK ASSISTANT AND A REHABILITATION CASE MANAGER ARE PROPOSED IN THE BUDGE TOTAL ADDRESS THE VOLUME OF CASES. THE CASE MANAGER WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT ADJUDICATED ADULT CUSTOMERS WHO NEED SOCIAL SERVICES RECEIVE THOSE SERVICES WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LEAD TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COURT. THE COST OF THESE TWO 17 POSITIONS IS \$107,000. EARLIER I MENTIONED THAT WE WERE CONTINUING TO ADDRESS RESOURCES FOR GRAFFITI ABATEMENT IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. IN D.A.C., ONE POSITION AND 46,000 IS PROPOSED TO EXPAND GRAFFITI ABATEMENT EFFORTS THAT ARE COORDINATED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY RESTITUTION SERVICES. A POSITION IN D.A.C. WILL ALSO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR LITTER ABATEMENT EFFORTS WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. BOTH OF THESE ADDITIONS SUPPORT THE COUNCIL PRIORITY INITIATIVE OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN DOWNTOWN. FINALLY, A HUMAN RESOURCES POSITION IS BEING PROPOSED TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT SERVICES. CURRENTLY THE COURT AND D.A.C. HANDLE -- HAVE APPROXIMATELY 190 EMPLOYEES AND THEY ONLY HAVE ONE HUMAN RESOURCE POSITION. THIS ADDITION WILL BRING THE COURT BACK IN

LINE WITH THE CITY'S GUIDELINE OF ABOUT ONE H.R. POSITION PER 100 EMPLOYEES. THE 2008 BUDGET FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IS \$34.9 MILLION. THIS DEPARTMENT OVERSEES A BROAD VARIETY OF SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND DEMAND IN VIRTUALLY ALL AREAS HAVE GROWN AS THE CITY GROWS. WE CONTRACT WITH A NUMBER OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DELIVER SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. THESE SERVICES INCLUDE MANY 18 KINDS OF SERVICES FOR BASIC NEEDS, EVERYTHING FROM CHILD DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, H.I.V., COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, HOMELESS SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, VIOLENCE AND VICTIMIZATION SERVICES, AND OUR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS FACE THE SAME TYPE OF COST DRIVERS THAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FACE SUCH AS RISING FUEL AND INSURANCE COSTS. FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES AN INFLATIONARY INCREASE OF 3.5% FOR ALL SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS BASED ON EXISTING FUNDING LEVELS IN THE 2007 BUDGET AT A TOTAL COST OF \$437,000. THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO THE SALVATION ARMY DOWNTOWN SHELTER TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM. IN 2002, THE SALVATION ARMY REDUCED THEIR STAFFING IN RESPONSE TO FUNDING CUTS AND IT'S LED TO CONCERNS ABOUT CLIENT SAFETY. WE ARE PARTNERS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY IN OUR ARCH HOMELESS FACILITY DOWNTOWN. WE RECOMMEND INCREASING FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR THE SALVATION ARMY BY 122,000 TO SUPPORT FIVE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES TO WORK OVERNIGHT SUPERVISING EACH PRIMARY LIVING AREA IN THE SHELTER. THE ISSUE OF GRAFFITI IS ALSO ADDRESSED BY OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. ADDITIONAL DEDICATED STAFF IS NEEDED TO ASSURE THAT GRAFFITI COMPLAINTS ARE COMMUNICATED TO TEAMS IN THE FIELD SO THAT WE CAN QUICKLY CLEAN UP GRAFFITI WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIVING A REPORT. TWO POSITIONS ARE PROPOSED TO ENHANCE AND COORDINATE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS, PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT, MENTOR YOUTH, WE WORK THROUGH A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AS PART OF THIS EFFORT,

PROVIDE DISPATCH AND DATA ENTRY AND TRACKING FOR THE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM. THE ADDITIONS OF TWO SANITARIANS, ONE FOR DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNCIL'S DOWNTOWN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE, AND ONE POSITION THAT WILL BE OFF SET WITH FEE REVENUE TO CONCENTRATE ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER CITIES ARE PROPOSED FOR THE 2008 BUDGET. AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS IS NEEDED TO ENFORCE THE ANTI-CHAINING AND OTHER RELATED ORDINANCES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY COUNCIL. FUNDING IS PROPOSED FOR A PILOT EXPANSION OF IMMUNIZATION SERVICES FOR ADULTS. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE SOUGHT TO COVER THE COST OF THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL FEE REVENUE. IN THE SUPPORT AREA FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE CONVERSION OF A TEMPORARY SUPPORT POSITION TO A REGULAR POSITION WILL PROVIDE DATA ENTRY INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MODULE OF THE RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED AMANDA SYSTEM. A BUSINESS SYSTEM ANALYST IS ALSO PROPOSED TO HELP SUPPORT AMANDA AS WELL AS THEIR NEW DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM. NEW INVESTMENTS PROPOSED FOR 20 HEALTH TO ADDRESS THE GROWING NEEDS TOTAL 543,000 AND SEVEN F.T.E.S. NOW, LIKE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROVIDES A WIDE ARRAY OF SERVICES TO OUR CITIZENS. FOR 2008 THE PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALS \$35.8 MILLION COST DRIVERS IN PARKS TOTAL 1.5 MILLION FOR NEW FACILITIES AND INCLUDE FULL YEAR FUNDING FOR A NUMBER OF FACILITIES THAT WERE PARTIALLY FUNDED IN 2007. THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, THE TURNER-ROBERTS AND GUS GARCIA REC CENTERS AND TOWN LAKE PARK ALL WILL OPEN IN LATE 2007 OR EARLY 2008. IN ADDITION, ABOUT \$100,000 IS INCLUDED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COLORADO COLORADO RIVER PARK WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN LATE 2008. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO INVEST IN ONE OF AUSTIN'S CROWN JEWELS, BARTON SPRINGS POOL, THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF \$500,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BARTON SPRINGS POOLS. DURING 2007, WE HIRED A CONSULTANT TO DO A MASTER PLAN FOR THE POOL AND SURROUNDING AREA. INITIAL DATA GATHERING HAS

OCCURRED AND THE PUBLIC PROCESS HAS BEGUN. THIS SUMMER STAFF WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF THAT MASTER PLAN. BY THIS FALL, WE EXPECT TO HAVE A PHASE 1 MASTER PLAN FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH IS PRIORITIZED SO IF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, WE CAN SYSTEMICLY IDENTIFY THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PLAN. 21 IN RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S PRIORITY INITIATIVES, OUR NEW INVESTMENTS IN PARKS FOCUSED HEAVILY ON MAINTENANCE WHERE WE ADDED 15.5 POSITIONS AND 784,000 IS PROPOSED TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE AT FACILITIES, PLAYGROUNDS, TRAILS, RESTORING CRITICAL FUNDING THAT WAS CUT DURING THE DOWNTURN. THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING OVER 16,000 ACRES OF PARK LAND OVER 1.2 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF PARK FACILITIES AND 110 PLAYSAPES. AND I WANT TO TOUCH ON HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED MAINTENANCE ADDITIONS. SO FIRST LET'S TALK ABOUT FACILITIES. YOU KNOW, WE OFTEN THINK OF PARK MAINTENANCE IN TERMS OF MOWING OR GROUNDSKEEPING, BUT PARKS MAINTENANCE ALSO INCLUDES ALL THE MANY BUILDINGS THAT ARE PARTED OF OUR PARKS INVENTORY INCLUDING OUR RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS IN NEED OF SAFEGUARDING AND REPAIR. TODAY THE SECURITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION OPERATES WITH 28 EMPLOYEES AND YOU NEED TO COMPARE THAT TO AT ONE TIME WHEN STAFFING WAS AT 39 EMPLOYEES. SO TODAY WITH MUCH FEWER EMPLOYEES AND DESPITE A MUCH HEAVIER DEMAND IN CITIZEN DEMAND FOR SERVICES, WE HAVE -- WE ONCE AGAIN HAVE MUCH FEWER RESOURCES TO DO THE WORK. THE STAFF MUST MAINTAIN OVER 75 FACILITIES. AS I PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THERE ARE SEVERAL NEW FACILITIES COMING ON LYON IN 2007 AND 2008. 22 THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WOULD RESULT IN A 25% INCREASE IN SCHEDULE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AS WELL AS FEWER UNSCHEDULED REPAIRS. THE NEXT AREAS TO TALK ABOUT IS PLAYSAPES WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MAINTENANCE BECAUSE MAINTENANCE OF PLAYSAPES IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT TASK FOR PARKS TO PROTECT THE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN THAT USE THESE FACILITIES ON A DAILY BASIS. WE HAVE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS THAT SPECIFY MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS THAT

MUST BE MAINTAINED IN OUR PARK SYSTEMS FOR OUR PLAYSCAPES. AND ALTHOUGH THESE STANDARDS ARE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR CURRENT PARK MAINTENANCE CREWS, THESE CREWS ARE STRETCHED THIN AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE NEEDED. THE FINAL AREA WHERE ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE STAFF IS PROPOSED IS OUR TRAILS. IN THE AUSTIN PARK SYSTEM, THERE ARE 100 MILES OF TRAILS AND THAT INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES OF GRANITE GRAVEL TRAILS. THE 10-MILE TOWN LAKE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL AROUND OUR NEW LADY BIRD LAKE HAVE THE HIGHEST PROFILE AND IT'S THE MOST USED. REPAIRING RUTS AFTER RAIN AND RESURFACING WORN AREAS ARE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF JUST THREE EMPLOYEES. BUT THE USAGE CONTINUES TO GROW. AND SOME TRAIL CONDITIONS ARE LEFT WAITING FOR REPAIRS FOR UP TO FIVE DAYS. AND THAT CAN POSE A SAFETY AND HAZARD ISSUE. 23 THE ADDITION OF FOUR EMPLOYEES WILL ALLOW US TO REPAIR RUTS IN HALF THAT TIME. AND IT WILL ALLOW TRAIL RESURFACING TO BE COMPLETED ON A PREVENTIVE OR ANNUALIZED BASIS RATHER THAN SIMPLY RESPONDINGS TO SPOT REPAIRS FOR TRAIL HAZARDS OR AFTER HEAVY RAIN. THE PROPOSED BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES FOUR NEW EMPLOYEES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROXIMATELY 100 NEW AND COMPLEX PROJECTS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE APPROVED IN THE NOVEMBER 2006 BOND ELECTION AS WELL AS FOR ENHANCING THE CURRENT CONSERVATION PROGRAM. DUE TO THE NUMBER AND DECENTRALIZED NATURE OF PARKS PROGRAMS, PARKS IS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL STAFF TO STRENGTHEN CONTROLS. TWO FINANCIAL AND ONE HUMAN RESOURCE POSITION ARE PROPOSED AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF 171,000. AS THE DEPARTMENT'S WORKFORCE GROWS TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR PROGRAMS, FACILITIES AND PARKS, THESE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WILL PROVIDE THE NEEDED RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, ADEQUATE FINANCIAL MONITORING, RELIABLE FORECASTING AND REPORTING. NOW LET'S MOVE TO THE LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY'S DEPARTMENTAL 2008 BUDGET IS PROPOSED AT \$23.5 MILLION. THIS YEAR'S LIBRARY BUDGET CONTINUES OUR FOCUS ON LIBRARY INFRASTRUCTURE. AND BY THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT BOOKS AND PERIODICALS,

SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND WEBSITE WORK. RATHER THAN JUST THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS. 24 ALTHOUGH WE ADDED ONE SECURITY GUARD IN THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET, BOTH LIBRARIANS AND CUSTOMERS CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR ENHANCED LIBRARY SAFETY PARTICULARLY IN BRANCH LIBRARIES. DURING 2007, WE ADDED FIVE TEMPORARY SECURITY GUARDS TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS. AND THE 2008 BUDGET INCLUDES \$244,000 TO CONVERT THESE POSITIONS TO REGULAR POSITIONS. THE LARGEST NEW INVESTMENT FOR THE LIBRARY IS A POSITION AND \$713,000 FOR INCREASED BOOKS, PERIODICALS AND MATERIALS IN OUR LIBRARIES. IT'S BEEN A NUMBER OF YEARS SINCE WE'VE MADE SOME ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS IN THIS AREA. MATERIALS EXPENDITURES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS FOR AUSTIN WERE \$2.24 IN 2006. NOW, WHEN YOU COMPARE THAT TO NINE OF WHAT WE CONSIDER OUR PEER CITIES, AUSTIN INVESTED THE LEAST COMPARED TO THE PEER CITY PER CAPITA AVERAGE OF \$5.19. REMEMBER, YOU ARE COMPARING THAT TO \$2.24. ABOUT \$567,000 GOES DIRECTLY TOWARDS ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. 82,000 IS INCLUDED FOR THE ASSOCIATED PROCESSING OF THESE MATERIALS. AND 64,000 IS INCLUDED FOR THE NEW LIBRARIAN 3 POSITION THAT WILL WORK WITH THE MATERIALS SELECTION PROGRAM. THE ADDITION OF A LIBRARY MAINTENANCE WORKER IS ALSO PROPOSED FOR 2008. THE NUMBER OF LIBRARY FACILITIES IS STEADILY GROWN SINCE 2001 WITHOUT RESOURCES ADDED TO CARE FOR THAT 25 EXPANDED SYSTEM. THE ADDITION OF A WEB MASTER IS ALSO RECOMMENDED TO SERVE THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS USING THE INTERNET. THE NUMBER OF WEB HITS FOR THE LIBRARY AND HISTORY CENTER HAS GROWN BY OVER 110% SINCE 2001. BOTH THE WIRED FOR YOUTH IN PARTICULAR NEED TO BE UPGRADED IF WE'RE GOING TO MAINTAIN THE INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT OF TEENS TODAY. ON THE CAPITAL SIDE YOU SEE THE APPROPRIATION OF THE FIRST \$1 MILLION FOR THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY. ALTHOUGH CONSTRUCTION IS A NUMBER OF YEARS OUT, FUNDING ARE NEEDED TO BEGIN THE PRELIMINARY PLANNING ON THIS IMPORTANT NEW LANDMARK CITY BUILDING. NOW LET'S MOVE TO WATERSHED. THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR A WATERSHED

PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT, HOME OF THE CITY'S WON STOP DEVELOPMENT SHOP WITH SUCH A HIGH NEW SATISFACTION RATING IS \$15.8 MILLION. REAL ESTATE AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY CONTINUES VERY STRONG IN AUSTIN. PLACING A CONTINUED DEMAND ON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, INSPECTIONS AND ALL THE RELATED DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITTING SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED OUT OF THIS DEPARTMENT. APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 AND 13 NEW POSITIONS ARE PROPOSED AS NEW INVESTMENTS ACROSS ALL MAJOR AREAS OF THIS DEPARTMENT ARE NEEDED. FOUR INSPECTORS AND FUNDING FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES WERE ADDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2007 TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND. 26 IN 2008, WE PROPOSE THE CONVERSION OF THOSE FOUR TEMPORARY INSPECTORS TO REGULAR STATUS, AS WELL AS ADDING ONE ADDITIONAL INSPECTOR TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF INSPECTORS THAT CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN OUR GOAL OF 24 HOURS. WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO A 95% WITHIN 24 HOURS. AND THE PERMIT CENTER WAIT TIMES CONTINUE TO INCREASE AS THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SERVED HAVE RISEN. ONE PERMIT REVIEW SPECIALIST IS PROPOSED AS WELL AS A TEMPORARY CASHIER TO REGULAR STATUS. THIS IS TO BETTER RESPOND TO THAT DEMAND FOR ISSUING PERMITS. ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS ALSO RECOMMENDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2008 FOR AN ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT INSPECTOR AND THAT'S TO MONITOR THE GROWING NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF EVENTS AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PARTICULARLY IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. A SECOND NEW INSPECTOR POSITION WILL BE FUNDED BY THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AND IT'S DEVOTED TO THE AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AND OTHER WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS. THREE NEW POSITIONS ARE PROPOSED IN SITE AND SUBDIVISION INSPECTIONS TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR PROJECT INSPECTIONS AND DELIVER PROJECT INTAKE AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT. AND FINALLY A PLANS ENGINEER IS RECOMMENDED TO ADDRESS THE INCREASED COMPLEXITY AND QUANTITY OF COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEWS. 27 THIS ADDITION WILL HELP US INCREASE THE PERCENT OF PLANNED REVIEWS COMPLETED WITHIN THE CODE MANDATED REVIEW TIMES FROM A CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE OF ONLY 75%, WE'RE

TRYING TO GET TO 90% OF WHAT'S REQUIRED BY CODE. THE FINAL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT THAT I WILL COVER TODAY IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT WITH A PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET OF \$5.3 MILLION. NEW INVESTMENTS IN THIS DEPARTMENT TOTAL 195,000 AND SEVEN NEW POSITIONS. IS CITY HAS EMBARKED ON JUST A HOST OF URBAN DESIGN INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, TRANSIT ORIENTED DISTRICT STATION AREA PLANS AND MANY, MANY OTHERS. STAFF ALSO PICKED UP NEW PROJECTS INCLUDING THE IH-35 MAKEOVER, REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT OF DOWNTOWN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WALLER CREEK TUNNEL PROJECT AND ANALYZING ISSUES RELATED TO CAP METRO CIRCULATORS AND COMMUTER RAIL. A SENIOR PLANNER AND ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST WERE PROPOSED TO SUPPORT ALL THESE NEW PLANNING EFFORTS. TRADITIONALLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF CODE AMENDMENTS RELATED TO ZONING AND LAND JUST HAVE BEEN HAND BY CASE MANAGER IS TIME IS AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION TO THE AMENDMENTS GENERATED BY CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION, STAFF HAS IDENTIFIED AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD CLARIFY, REDUCE CONFLICTS OR EASE ADMINISTRATION IN OUR CITY CODE. 28 AN ADDITIONAL PLANNER IS PROPOSED TO HANDLE THIS INCREASE IN TOTAL PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR CODE. ALSO INCLUDED ARE THE FOUR NEW POSITIONS WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER IN THE PRESENTATION TO CREATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD OMBUDSMAN FUNCTION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. NEW CORE SERVICE INVESTMENTS ARE ALSO PROPOSED IN OUR CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICE FUNCTIONS WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES TO ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS. I BELIEVE THAT CORE SERVICE INVESTMENTS ARE EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT IN CENTRAL SUPPORT AREAS AS THEY ARE IN THE GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT. AND THESE INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM BUILDING SERVICES TO HUMAN RESOURCES TO LEGAL SERVICES, PURCHASING, FINANCE, OUR SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS PROGRAM, AUDIT, THE POLICE MONITORS FUNCTION, AND OUR CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. WORKLOAD AT THE CORPORATE LEVEL CONTINUE TO GROW AND CITY-WIDE INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS CUT SO HEAVILY DURING THE DOWNTURN ARE CRUCIAL TO THE

INTEGRITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE ORGANIZATION. IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR, THE PROPOSED BUDGET PROVIDES FOR THE ADDITION OF A NEW AUDITOR TO ASSIST FOR THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AUDIT INITIATIVE. IN ADDITION, THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING TO CONVERT TWO OF THEIR PART-TIME AUDITORS TO FULL-TIME STATUS. OTHER SUPPORT SERVICE INVESTMENTS TOUCH ON ALL AREAS OF SUPPORT SERVICES FROM 29 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IN THE POLICE MONITOR'S OFFICE TO BRINGING THE MWBE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM BACK IN-HOUSE TO ADDING LEGAL, HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE RESOURCES INTO CORPORATE SUPPORT TO MEET GROWING WORK LEVELS. I WON'T GO INTO THE DETAILS, BUT THE SLIDE OUTLINES PROPOSED STRATEGIC ADDITIONS TO OUR CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES. IN ADDITION, PAGE T-36 OF THE BUDGET TRANSMITTAL LETTER INCLUDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE WORKLOAD INCREASES IN EACH OF THESE AREAS THAT DRIVE THE DEMAND FOR THESE POSITIONS. NOW, ANOTHER INTERNAL SERVICE AREA WHERE I AM PROPOSING A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IS IN OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT. AND PROBABLY NO OTHER AREA IS TAKING ON A GREATER WORKLOAD IN OUR ORGANIZATION. AND THIS AREA WAS ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT SUPPORT SERVICES DURING THE DOWNTURN. I AM PROPOSING BY ADDING 15 F.T.E.S TO THIS DEPARTMENT AND THAT IS A LOT OF EMPLOYEES. BUT WE ALSO HAD A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES CUT DURING THE DOWNTURN, AND I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER NOW JUST BRIEFLY TO PETE COLLINS, OUR CHIEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER BECAUSE I'D LIKE HIM TO GO OVER WITH YOU WHAT WE HAVE ADDED TO THEIR PLATE SINCE WE CUT THEIR DEPARTMENT SO HEAVILY DURING THE DOWNTURN. PETE?

THANK YOU, TOBY. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM, COUNCIL. 30 MY NAME IS PETE COLLINS. I'M YOUR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, CTM HAS TAKEN ON AN INCREASE IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF THE CITY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEEDS. BUT WE ALSO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN PROVIDING PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY TO THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION. WE HAVE MADE SOME MAJOR

IMPROVEMENTS IN HOW WE ACQUIRE AND MANAGE TECHNOLOGY CITY-WIDE. FOR EXAMPLE, CTM IS NOW INVOLVED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT FOR I.T. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WHICH LOWERS THE TOTAL COST OF I.T. EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY THROUGH PRIORITIZING AND STANDARDIZING EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. CTM NOW PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN THE PURCHASING PROCESS OF NEW SYSTEMS. FROM DEVELOPMENT OF R.F.P.S TO VENDOR COLLECTION TO RCA REVIEW AND APPROVAL. CTM PERFORMS ONGOING I.T. CONTRACT REVIEWS AND HAS CONSOLIDATED CONTRACTS ACROSS DEPARTMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, GIS AND DATABASE CONTRACTS. CTM HAS IMPLEMENTED A STRUCTURE TO BRING ALL OF OUR GIS APPLICATIONS INTO A COMMON PLATFORM THAT CAN BE USED FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS' SPATIAL ANALYSIS NEEDS. AND WE HAVE INSTITUTED A DISCIPLINE PROJECT METHODOLOGY THROUGH STT FOR NEW SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATIONS. IN ADDITION TO THESE MAJOR CHANGES, WE HAVE ALSO ACTIVELY DIRECTED THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE THAN 20 31 MAJOR TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS. AND MOST OF THESE STILL REQUIRE SOME LEVEL OF EFFORT FROM CTM. CTM IS ALSO STRUGGLING TO DEAL WITH A LARGE INCREASE WE HAVE SEEN IN INFRASTRUCTURE. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE CONSOLIDATED A NUMBER OF SERVERS, WE HAVE STILL SEEN A 76% INCREASE SINCE 2004 IN THE NUMBER OF SERVERS WE MAINTAIN. ALSO SINCE 2004 THE GROWTH RATE OF OUR CITY NETWORK HAS INCREASED BY 120%. AND THE HELP DESK CALL LOAD BY 17%. FINALLY, THE NUMBER OF MAJOR APPLICATIONS THAT CTM MUST SUPPORT HAS INCREASED BY 27% SINCE 2006. COUNCIL, AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, MORE AND MORE OF THE SERVICE THE CITY PROVIDES IS ENABLED THROUGH TECHNOLOGY. AND THE SIZE AND TECHNOLOGY OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE HAS INCREASED, BUT TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT WORK WITHOUT A LOT OF PLANNING, A LOT OF ANALYSIS, A LOT OF MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE, AND A LOT OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE USER. SO I AM REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF 15 NEW F.T.E.S TO CTM TO ALLOW US TO CONTINUE SUPPORT AND UPGRADE OUR TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES. AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO TURN THE PRESENTATION BACK OVER TO CITY MANAGER TOBY

FUTRELL.

WE'RE GETTING TO THE VERY END OF THIS. I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO GREG AND HE IS GOING TO BRIEFLY TAKE US OVER THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND AND THEN THAT IN TURN WILL LEAD YOU TO THE ONE-TIME 32 EXPENDITURES. WE'RE GOING TO GO OVER THE BOND SPENDING PLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR. OUR RATE AND FEE CHANGES IN 2008. AND THEN WE'LL CLOSE WITH WHAT THE BUDGET SCHEDULE LOOKS LIKE. WITH THAT, GREG, YOU ARE UP.

THANKS, CITY MANAGER. ON OUR BUDGET STABLE RESERVE POLICY, IN 2006 CITY COUNCIL AMENDED THAT POLICY TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING. BASICALLY AT THE END OF EACH YEAR EXCESS REEF IN AND UNSPENT APPROPRIATION FROM THAT YEAR IS DEPOSITED INTO THIS FUND WHICH IS SOMETHING WE EXPECT TO HAPPEN FOR 2007. DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS THE FUND IS GOING TO BE USED FOR CRITICAL CAPITAL AND ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES BUT NOT TO EXCEED ONE-THIRD OF THE AMOUNT. MOVING FORWARD ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS SHOWS YOU THE PROPOSED USES OF THE STABILIZATION FUND. WE ANTICIPATE TO HAVE A BEGINNING BALANCE OF 50.3 MILLION AND PARTIALLY THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE THAT WILL BE GOING INTO THAT, OF WHICH ONE-THIRD OR 16.8 MILLION WILL BE TRANSFERRED OUT FOR JEFF, CRITICAL AND ONE TIME COSTS. ADDITIONALLY THIS YEAR, AS COUNCIL PROVIDED DIRECTION DURING POLICY DISCUSSION TO USE \$5 MILLION AS A DIRECT TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL FUND IN AN EFFORT TO SMOOTH OUT THE CURVE, THE GROWTH IN THE CURVE OF OUR GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES. MOVING FORWARD TO THE USE OF THE FUNDS, OF THE 33 16.8 MILLION, HERE'S THE PROPOSED USES FOR 2008. THIS TABLE PROVIDES WITH YOU THE CATEGORIES OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE FUNDED WITH THESE ONE-TIME MONEYS. THE LARGEST CHUNK AS IN PRIOR YEARS IS FOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS, \$6.6 MILLION. THIS WILL FUND CRITICAL REPLACEMENTS OF TWO TYPEWRITER TRUCKS, FOUR SWIFT WATER RESCUE BOATS, 81 POLICE PATROL CARS, SIX AMBULANCES, AS WELL AS VEHICLES FOR OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT, HEALTH, WATERSHED. AND JUST A NOTE HERE, IN ADDITION TO THE

USE OF ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS, THE PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES ADDITIONAL DEBT SERVICE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE SEVEN ADDITIONAL TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL OF NINE TRUCKS THAT BE PURCHASED AS REPLACEMENTS THIS UPCOMING YEAR. WE ALSO CONTINUE ON A REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE FOR COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY AND HAVE INCLUDED \$4.8 MILLION. THIS INCLUDES BOTH FUNDING FOR OUR DEPARTMENTAL NEEDS AS WELL AS CITY-WIDE NEEDS FOR CTM AND COMBINED TRANSPORTATION AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER. PROPOSED -- AS WE DISCUSSED, THE PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUES A 2% LUMP SUM SERVICE INCENTIVE FOR CIVILIAN WORKFORCE. FOR 2008, THIS IS 2.5 MILLION FOR GENERAL FUND AND SUPPORT SERVICE FUND. IN 2005, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED PLAN TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO THE CITY'S EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS THE CITY MANAGER 34 REVIEWED. THIS 1% SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR 2008, THE GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED IS TO BE \$1.1 MILLION. AND ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS IS DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL NEEDS OF 2.3 MILLION. INCLUDING VENTILATORS FOR E.M.S., ENTER -- FOR GUS GARCIA SLATED TO OPEN. 37 NEW POLICE SEDANS FOR THE OFFICERS TO MAINTAIN 2.0 PER THOUSAND POPULATION. AND ALSO INCLUDED ARE ONE-TIME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORE SERVICE INVESTMENTS INCLUDING THE AMBULANCE FOR THE ADDITIONAL PEAK LOAD UNIT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THAT PACKAGE AND CARS FOR THE ADDITIONAL BUILDING INSPECTORS. THE TOTAL OF THESE ONE-TIME NEEDS IS 17.3 MILLION WHICH IS COVERED ABOUT THE 16.8 MILLION TRANSFERRED FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND ALONG WITH 500,000 IN SAVES FROM PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED ONE TIME EXPENDITURES. AS PART OF OUR BUDGET QUESTION WE'LL GET OUT A DETAILED LIST OF THESE ONE-TIME ITEMS. MOVING ON INTO OUR BOND PROGRAM, WE THOUGHT WE WOULD GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE BOND PROGRAM AS RELATES TO THE 2008 CAPITAL BUDGET. THE REMINDER IN 2006 AFTER NEARLY A TWO-YEAR COMMUNITY-WIDE PROCESS, CITY OF AUSTIN VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED A \$567 MILLION BOND PROGRAM THAT CONTAINED SEVEN WIDE-RANGING PROPOSITIONS AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED OVER A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. IN MARCH

THE COUNCIL APPROVED \$85 MILLION IN FIRST YEAR 35 FUNDING FOR THE BONDS, AND THE PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2008 CONTAINS THE SECOND YEAR OF FUNDING OF 93.7 MILLION WHICH COVERS APPROPRIATION IN ALL SEVEN PROPOSITIONS. DURING THE SPRING WE WORKED WITH THE BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO GAIN APPROVAL OF NOT ONLY THIS SECOND YEAR FUNDING BUT THE FULL SEVEN-YEAR PLAN FOR THE SPENDING AND SELLING OF DEBT FOR THE 2006 BOND PROGRAM. AND IN DETERMINING THE SEVEN-YEAR PLAN, THERE WERE SEVERAL KEY FACTORS CONSIDERED. FIRST WAS THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY. THE BOND PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED SO THAT ROUGHLY 1/7 OF THE TOTAL DEBT WOULD BE SOLD EACH YEAR WHEN WE COME FORWARD WITH THE BOND SALE IN AUGUST. STAFF WORKLOAD WAS ALSO FACTORED IN. AND FOR OUR STAND ALONE PROJECTS, KNOWSLY NEW FACILITIES, THE R. C CENTERS AND E.M.S. STATIONS WE HAD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MANY DEPENDENCIES INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, BECAUSE THE CENTRAL LIBRARY WILL BE PART OF A LARGER REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS THAT WILL TAKE SEVERAL YEARS TO COMPLETE, THE MAJORITY OF THE LIBRARY FUNDING IS PROJECTED TO BE AT THE END OF THE BOND PROGRAM AS WE PUT IT IN THE 7-YEAR PLAN. SEVERAL CULTURAL ARTS PROJECTS ARE DEPENDENT ON PROJECT FUNDRAISING IN ORDER TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. GIVEN THAT FUNDING FOR THESE PROJECTS ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BOND PROGRAM BUT CAN BE 36 MOVED EARLIER OR LATER DEPENDING ON HOW THESE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS GO. MOST OF THE PROGRAMMATIC SPENDING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DRAINAGE MASTER PLANS, PARK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, STREET RECONSTRUCTION, WERE SPREAD OUT OVER THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. THE 7-YEAR PLAN WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOND OVERNIGHT COMMITTEE AS NEEDED. INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY IS THE 7-YEAR BOND PLAN. MOVING ON TO FINISHING UP WITH OUR ENTERPRISE RATE AND REINCREASES, KNOWING THE MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS WILL BE BEFORE YOU IN AUGUST TO TALK IN MORE DETAIL. AS A REMINDER TO COUNCIL, WE COMPLETED A COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE INITIATIVE FOR 2007 WHICH INCLUDED REVIEW OF ALL FEES.

AS A RESULT, THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE WAS SUBSTANTIALLY UP TO DATE IN MOST CATEGORIES. WE INDICATED TO COUNCIL DURING OUR POLICY DISCUSSIONS IN JUNE WE WOULD REVIEW FEES GENERALLY TO DETERMINE IF ANY FEES SEEMED TO BE OUT OF LINE WITH OUR COST OF SERVICE OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS. WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT FEES. BUT A PRELIMINARY REVIEW INDICATES THAT IN GENERAL WE ARE IN LINE WITH MOST TEXAS CITIES, BUT MAY BE LOWER THAN SOME PEER CITIES IN OTHER STATES. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE STATEWIDE COMPARABILITY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND MOVING AT THIS MORE IN THE COMINGER 82 BEFORE 37 RECOMMENDING INCREASE IN FEES. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE]

THESE FACTORS POINT TO A NEED TO REVISE -- GO FORWARD WITH THE COMBINED RATE INCREASE IN 2008. AUSTIN'S CURRENT AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER BILL IS \$54 AND SOMEWHAT ABOVE THE APPROXIMATELY \$43 FOR 27 OTHER CITIES SURVEYED. THE PROPOSED RATE WOULD INCREASE THE AVERAGE AMOUNT PAID BY CUSTOMERS BY APPROXIMATELY \$5 A MONTH. KEEP IN MIND THE OTHER CITIES WILL BE CHANGING AS THEIR C.I.P. CHANGES AS WELL AND OTHER FACTORS THAT WILL BE IMPACTING THEM. LET'S QUICKLY TOUCH ON OUR TRANSPORTATION USER FEE. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 WE ARE PROPOSING TO INCREASE OUR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR STREETS GOAL FROM 9% TO 9.5% THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL 2.9 MILLION IN TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND 12.8% TO THE TRANSPORTATION FEE. AND INCREASE SUFFICIENT EVEN CYST IN THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. INCREASED TRANSPORTATION FEE WILL GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$2.6 MILLION. AND INCREASE TO A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE OF ABOUT 48 CENTS A MONTH. SO WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE CITY MANAGER WHO WILL CONCLUDE.

ALL RIGHT, COUNCIL, LET'S GO OVER THE BUDGET SCHEDULE BRIEFLY. YOU SEE IN FRONT OF YOU THAT WE ARE ON JULY 27th WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION. FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON 38 AUGUST 9th WILL BE THE FIRST OF YOUR BUDGET PUBLIC

HEARINGS AND WE WILL BEGIN A SERIES OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS. THIS IS ALSO WHERE YOU WILL HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON A PROPOSED TAX RATE, AND THAT'S PART OF WE'LL BE WALKING YOU THERE THAT REQUIREMENT, THE STATE LAW REQUIREMENT FOR YOU TO DO SOME NOTICE ON TAX RATE. THEN ONCE AGAIN FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE 23rd AND ON THE 30th. THE BUDGET READINGS ARE SET THREE IN A ROW, FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SEPTEMBER 11, 12 AND 13. WE HAVE A -- WE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT THE HARD COPIES OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ALL OF THE BRANCH LIBRARIES AND IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY. THE INFORMATION IS ALREADY UP ON THE CITY'S WEB PAGE. AND, OF COURSE, YOU VERY HARD COPY DOCUMENTS WITH YOU NOW. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET Q AND A PROCESS IS READY TO KICK IN. ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE CAN BE SENT THROUGH GREG, OUR BUDGET OFFICER, AND HE WILL THEN -- GREG, WHAT'S OUR TURN-AROUND? WE HAVE A FOUR-DAY TURN-AROUND. THEY WILL BE SENT BACK OUT IN WRITING TO ALL COUNCIL OFFICES SO THAT YOU KEEP A FULL INVENTORY OF ALL THE BUDGET QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND THOSE FULL INVENTORY OF BUDGET QUESTION AND ANSWERS WILL ALSO GO UP ON THE CITY WEBSITE SO ALL CITIZENS WILL HAVE A 39 CHANCE TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE AND FOLLOW ALONG. AND THEN JUST BEFORE I TURN IT OVER FOR ANY QUESTION AND ANSWERS YOU MAY HAVE JUST AS A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, JOHN, I BELIEVE THIS IS GOING TO BE YOUR LAST BUDGET AS OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND IF I'VE GOT IT CORRECT, YOU WERE SLICK ENOUGH TO ARRANGE YOUR DAYS WHERE YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE WITH US FOR OUR BUDGET READING. YEAH. OOPS. YOU MISSED IT. AND THIS IS YOUR -- IS THIS YOUR 10th BUDGET? 9th BUDGET? IT'S YOUR 8th. IT JUST FEELS LIKE YOUR 9th OR 10th? JUST TO REMIND EVERYONE, WE ARE GOING TO BE LOSING OUR LONG-TIME CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JOHN STEVENS. HE'S AGREED TO GO PARTIALLY WITH US THROUGH THIS. [APPLAUSE]

WITH THAT, COUNCIL, WE STAND READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WE CAN RIGHT NOW.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. A VERY

IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL AND AS IMPORTANTLY VERY IMPRESSIVE HOW QUICKLY IT'S AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BOTH ON THE INTERNET AND OUT IN HARD COPIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY FACILITIES. IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT WE TRY TO GET THIS IN FRONT OF AS MANY CITIZENS AS WE CAN SO WE CAN BE AS PRODUCTIVE AS WE CAN ON THOSE THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT WE WILL CONDUCT NEXT MONTH IN AUGUST. COUNCIL, MY INSTINCT IS THAT 40 WE CAN SAVE THE SPECIFIC BUDGET QUESTIONS, OF COURSE, FOR OUR BUDGET Q AND A ELECTRONICALLY, BUT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT KEY DATES AND SCHEDULE AND FORMAT, THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO VOICE ANY OF THOSE. COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: THIS IS A COMMENT, I GUESS, ABOUT THE CITIZEN SURVEY AND THE CITY MANAGER SAID THIS WEREN'T ENOUGH ASIANS WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY. AND THAT'S VERY DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE I SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT WE OVERSAMPLE ASIANS SO THAT WE GET A FAIR REPRESENTATION. SEEMS LIKE THAT NUMBER HAS GONE DOWN. WHO IS THE COMPANY, WHAT DID THEY DO, WHAT IS THEIR RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST?

I'LL LET GREG RESPOND TO THAT BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY DID OVERSAMPLE AND STILL GOT A LOWER RESPONSE.

WE DID CONTINUE, COUNCILMEMBER, LAST YEAR WE CONTINUED AN OVERSAMPLING OF THOSE ZIP CODES WE KNOW WHERE WE COULD GET A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THOSE EFFORTS AGAIN JUST DIDN'T GET US TO WHERE WE NEED TO. SO WE'LL BE WORKING WITH OUR VENDOR AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I THINK ONE OF THE OPTIONS IS GOING TO A MORE WEB BASED FORM THAT WILL ALLOW MORE CITIZENS TO GET AHOLD OF THE SURVEY. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION THAT WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON.

COUNCILMEMBER, ANOTHER THOUGHT IS THAT WE MIGHT WORK WITH OUR VENDOR AND THE ASIAN NETWORK ON THE FRONT END AND 41 WORK THROUGH SOME OTHER SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS JUST WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT BECAUSE WE'VE TRIED OVERSAMPLING AND ALTHOUGH WE GOT A LITTLE BETTER

THE FIRST YEAR, IT DROPPED BACK ON US THE SECOND YEAR. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WEB BASED WAS ANOTHER IDEA. AND THE NAME OF THE VENDOR?

THE NAME ESCAPES ME RIGHT NOW. IT'S A VENDOR THAT HAS ALWAYS DONE OUR DATA ANALYSIS, THEN DOES COLLECTION OF THE DATA AND SOME OF THE OVERSAMPLING THEY DID PHONE CALL OUTREACH INSTEAD OF JUST A WRITTEN ---

WE'LL GET YOU THE NAME OF THE VENDOR AND BACKGROUND ON THE VENDOR.

Kim: IT MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ACTUALLY GETTING IT AND THEY UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE AND WE MAY NEED TO DO -- HIRE SOME SERVICES TO REACH OUT TO THIS COMMUNITY. THEY ARE THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY, HOPEFULLY APPROACHING 7% AND EXPECTED TO RISE BEYOND THAT FOR THE NEXT DECADE.

COUNCILMEMBER, THERE'S NO DOUBT I THINK WE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR OUTREACH EFFORT WHEN WE SEND THAT SURVEY OUT. ALSO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE AWARE THEY MAY BE RECEIVING THAT AND THERE'S AN OPTION FOR THEM TO GET THAT BACK TO US.

Kim: AND THEN I GUESS THE REST OF MY QUESTIONS WHICH ARE BUDGET RELATED, I'LL GO AHEAD AND SUBMIT THOSE TO GREG. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER 42 COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: I JUST WANTED TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY SPECIFICALLY BUDGET RELATED. THEY ARE IN HERE, BUT I LOST TRACK TRYING TO LISTEN AND COUNT. I WANTED TO ASK HOW MANY TOTAL NEW POSITIONS ARE BEING PROPOSED FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND THEN FOR OUR SUPPORT SERVICE FUNCTIONS? I LOST COUNT TRYING TO ADD THEM ALL UP.

I'LL LET THE BUDGET OFFICE COME AND ANSWER YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

COUNCILMEMBER, I BELIEVE IT'S ABOUT 102 IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SUPPORT SERVICES. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GET THAT EXACT NUMBER TO YOU.

Martinez: IT'S 102 FOR BOTH GENERAL FUND AND SUPPORT?

I THINK MARISA MAY HAVE IT RIGHT HERE.

Martinez: FOR THE GENERAL FUND, AGAIN, THIS INCLUDES BOTH SWORN AND NON-SWORN, IT'S 193.5 FOR THE. FOR SUPPORT SERVICES, 47 POSITIONS.

AND THAT'S SWORN AND NON-SWORN.

THAT WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT. 47 POSITIONS.

AND WE'LL FOLLOW UP ALSO IN WRITING ON EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Martinez: THE SECOND COMMENT WAS MAYBE A PHILOSOPHICAL OR BUDGET POLICY COMMENT. AS IT RELATES TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS, I GUESS THE COMMENT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT IF WE BUDGET AT 43 30% OF EXCEEDS EXPECTATION, WHICH ADDS AN ADDITIONAL 1.5% ON TOP OF LAST YEAR, IT'S LIKE WE'RE MAKING AN ASSUMPTION THAT 30% OF OUR WORKFORCE IS GOING TO EXCEED EXPECTATION. AND IF 40% ACTUALLY EXCEED EXPECTATION, ONLY 30% OF THEM ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE OR RECEIVE THAT ADDITIONAL PAY. BUT I WOULD BET THAT WE'RE NEVER GOING TO BE BELOW 30% OF THE WORKFORCE IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE BUDGETING.

ACTUALLY WE CAN GET YOU THE NUMBER. AND I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THE NUMBER OVERALL, BUT ACTUALLY IN SOME DEPARTMENTS AND IN FACT MANY DEPARTMENTS IT DOES COME IN BELOW THE NUMBER THAT YOU BUDGET TO. I CAN GET YOU THAT NUMBER DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT SO YOU CAN SEE IT.

Martinez: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW IT TRENDS OVER TIME IF

WE'VE ACTUALLY ALWAYS HIT THE EXACT BUDGET. BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST LIKE IF YOU PUT IT OUT THERE AND SAY IT'S AVAILABLE, IF YOU EXCEED EXPECTATIONS, PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE IS GOING TO EXCEED.

THEY ACTUALLY ARE CHANGING THE SYSTEM FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR TO A 5-POINT SYSTEM. SO THIS IS THE LAST YEAR FOR THE 3-POINT SYSTEM. BUT THE NUMBER THAT JUMPS INTO MY HEAD IS A FOCUS GROUP THAT THEY DID WHERE THEY TOOK A RANDOM SAMPLE OF SUPERVISORS FROM DEPARTMENTS ALL OVER THE CITY AND THEN TOOK WHAT THEIR ACTUAL SCORES WERE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. AND 21% HAD BEEN GIVEN A EXCEEDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES. AT THAT TIME THE -- YOU WERE 44 ALLOWED UP TO 25%. SO IT WAS CLOSE, BUT IT WASN'T THERE.

Martinez: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO~TEM.

Dunkerley: ONE QUESTION FOR YOU TO CLARIFY. ON YOUR STREET MAINTENANCE BUDGET, FROM WHAT I CAN GUESS FROM THIS DOCUMENT, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE MAINTAINING THE 2% -- I MEAN THE 1% INCREASE THAT WE HAD LAST YEAR, EVEN THOUGH IT'S COSTING US MORE MONEY THIS YEAR, AND DID WE MAKE ANY INROADS ON THE ADDITIONAL 1% IN THIS PROPOSAL?

YES. MAYOR PRO~TEM, WE -- YOU ARE RIGHT ABOUT THAT IN TWO WAYS. WE BOTH MAINTAINED THE 9% AND WE ADDED ANOTHER HALF A PERCENT. SO IN 2008 WE ARE GOING TO 9.5% OF OUR LANE MILES MAINTAINED. THE 1% TO GET TO 9% BOTH BECAUSE OF THE METHOD WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE NEXT YEAR FOR THE TYPE OF MAINTENANCE AND FOR THE FACT THAT WE ARE LOSING SOME MONEY, SOME FUNDING SOURCES, SOME CAP METRO MONEY, SOME FUNDING SOURCES THAT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO US. SO IT COST US SOME ADDITIONAL MONEY TO MAINTAIN THE 9%, PLUS WE ADDED ANOTHER HALF PERCENT. ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS ONE OF YOUR COUNCIL PRIORITY INITIATIVES, AND SO YES, THERE'S A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT.

Dunkerley: THE REASON I'VE ASKED, I'VE HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND E-MAILS ABOUT 45 THAT AND I SAID CERTAINLY WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THE 2 MILLION WE PUT IN THE YEAR BEFORE, AND FROM MY UNDERSTANDING WE'VE ADDED ANOTHER 3 MILLION ALMOST TO MAINTAIN THAT -- JUST TO MAINTAIN THE 1%.

YOU HAVE THE TOTAL DOLLARS.

THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND FOUND IS AT \$4.9 MILLION. THE \$2 MILLION THAT THE COUNCIL ADDED LAST YEAR TO GET TO 9%, AND THEN BECAUSE OF WHAT THE CITY MANAGER DISCUSSED, THE -- SOME FUNDS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO US TO MAINTAIN THAT, THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL \$2.9 MILLION.

Dunkerley: THAT'S HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER McCracken.

McCracken: TOBY, ON THE TAX RATE, MAYBE FOR GREG, THE NEW TAX RATE IS 41.20 CENTS. IN THE CURRENT TAX RATE IS 41.26 CENTS. BUT OF THAT 41.20 CENTS, HOW MUCH OF THAT IS TO SERVICE THE BONDS THAT THE VOTERS APPROVED?

IT'S A -- THE DEBT SERVICE RATE IS 13.66 CENTS OF WHICH A PENNY IS FOR THE 2006 BONDS THAT THE VOTERS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER.

McCracken: YEAH, AND I THINK THAT'S AN ADDED CLARIFICATION, IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE VOTERS APPROVING VOTING BASICALLY TO ADD A PENNY TO THE TAX RATE, THE TAX RATE ACTUALLY WOULD BE 40.2 CENTS. BUT THERE'S AN EXTRA PENNY ADDED IN BECAUSE THE VOTERS ASKED FOR IT IN NOVEMBER 2006. SO IN A WAY, IF YOU WERE DOING 46 IT STRAIGHT APPLES TO APPLES COMPARISON, THIS COMING BUDGET, LAST YEAR THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE FROM 41.26 CENTS DOWN TO 40.2 CENTS, ADD A PENNY FOR WHAT THE VOTERS ASKED FOR IN NOVEMBER. IS THAT ACCURATE?

YES, GENERALLY ACCURATE, YES.

McCracken: OKAY. AND THEN ON THE FRONT -- WE HAD SEEN THE POLICY BUDGET BRIEFING IN MAY. TOBY, YOU HAD PROJECTED THERE WAS GOING TO BE ONGOING GAPS IN COMING YEARS, THAT THEY WERE GOING TO NARROW, BUT THEY WERE STILL GOING TO BE THERE. WHAT IS YOUR PROJECTION BASED ON THE FACT WE'RE COMING IN AT A BALANCED BUDGET TODAY?

GREG, YOU HAVE THE FORECAST DOCUMENT THERE. I'M GOING TO LET GREG PULL THOSE NUMBERS FOR YOU. IT IS TRUE THAT THEY ARE NARROWING A LITTLE BIT IN THE OUTLYING YEARS WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS YOU ALL TALKED TO US ABOUT PULLING THE ADDITIONAL 5 MILLION FROM OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE TO ALLOW US TO SMOOTH OUT THE GAPS. ON GROWTH.

McCracken: AND WHAT I HAVE IS ---

WHAT I HAVE IS 2009. AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON PUTTING THE BUDGET TOGETHER WE TRY TO TRACK TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY WHAT THE OUT YEARS WILL LOOK LIKE BASED ON THE DECISIONS GOING INTO THAT PROPOSED BUDGET. SO RIGHT NOW IT APPEARS AS IF WE'RE IN THE RANGE OF ABOUT A \$30 MILLION GAP GOING INTO WHAT A 2009 GAP WOULD BE. 47

McCracken: SO PROJECTED GAP OF \$30 MILLION. AND PART OF THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE STATE'S BUDGET REPORTING RULES THAT THIS IS KIND OF AN ARTIFICIAL GAP BECAUSE THE GAP IS CREATED EVEN THOUGH WE'RE LOWERING THE TAX RATE, IT'S BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE STATE REQUIRES CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REPORT THEIR BUDGET PROJECTIONS. BUT THAT \$30 MILLION PROJECTED GAP FOR NEXT YEAR IS BASED ON COMING IN AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE; IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT'S CORRECT, COUNCILMEMBER.

McCracken: WHAT WE'VE SEEN THEN IS THAT BASICALLY IS -- IN OTHER WORDS, \$30 MILLION WOULD REFLECT THE FACT THAT THE STATE REQUIRES US TO RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT

OF PROPERTY TAX NEXT YEAR AS WE DID THIS YEAR PLUS NEW CONSTRUCTION, RIGHT?

RIGHT.

McCracken: IN OTHER WORDS, I'VE SEEN WE ARE ADDING BETWEEN 1995 AND 2000, WE WERE ADDING 40,000 NEW RESIDENTS A YEAR. AND THEN WE'VE HEARD HERE WE'RE ADDING -- 40,000 EVERY THREE YEARS. AND WE'RE ON PACE RIGHT NOW TO ADD SOMEWHERE IN THE 50,000 RESIDENTS EVERY THREE YEARS NOW IN AUSTIN. AND SO THE STATE REQUIRES US TO REPORT THE SAME AMOUNT OF REVENUE EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ADDING 50,000 RESIDENTS GIVE OR TAKE EVERY THREE YEARS.

THAT'S THE WAY THE STATE REQUIRES IT, LET ME MAKE SURE I GOT IT RIGHT, BASICALLY.

AND THE WAY WE GO ABOUT CALCULATING THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, I THINK THAT'S GENERALLY ON THE MARK.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS EFFECTIVE TAX RATE GIVES YOU NO ABILITY TO HAVE ANYTHING LOADED IN FOR ANY NATURAL INFLATION. SO WHEN GAS PRICES GO UP, WHEN HEALTH INSURANCE GOES UP, WHEN ANYTHING GOES UP ON YOUR EXISTING OPERATIONS, YOU START WITH THAT WHOLE EACH YEAR.

AND FOR A CITY LIKE AUSTIN, IF WE'RE ADDING 30 TO 50,000 RESIDENTS EVERY THREE YEARS, AND -- THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICERS, NEW FIREFIGHTERS, EXPANDED ROAD MAINTENANCE, EXPANDED BUILDING INSPECTIONS, BUT THE STATE SAYS YOU CAN'T RAISE ANY MORE MONEY THROUGH THAT. THAT'S WHERE THAT GAP COMES FROM, RIGHT?

OUTSIDE OF YOUR NEW CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS, WHICH WE ALL KNOW ARE REAR LOADED, THAT'S RIGHT.

McCracken: MY FINAL QUESTION IS THIS. IT'S ON FRONT LOADED COSTS OF GROWTH. TOBY, YOU HAD SPOKEN TO THESE AND I THINK THE ANALOGY THAT I HAVE HEARD THAT MADE SENSE TO ME IS THAT THIS IS SIMILAR TO LIKE A

HOUSING SUBDIVISION WHERE IF SOMEONE IS BUILDING A HOUSING SUBDIVISION, THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT, THEY ARE JUST BLEEDING MONEY, THEY ARE LAYING IN THEIR PIPES AND LAYING OUT THEIR STREETS AND THEY HAVE THEIR CONSTRUCTION CREWS, IT'S ALL MONEY OUT. YEAR 4 OR 5 YOU START SELLING HOUSES AND MAKE MONEY AND YOU MAKE MORE. WHAT ARE THE FRONT LOADED 49 COSTS OF GROWTH THAT YOU ARE SPEAKING TO TODAY IN GENERAL TERMS?

YOU JUST DESCRIBED IT. THAT'S EXACTLY HOW YOU SHOULD LOOK AT IT. WHEN GROWTH COMES TO THE COMMUNITY, IT IS A PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THAT TRANSLATES INTO PROPERTY VALUATION, NEW PROPERTY VALUATION ON THE GROUND THAT TRANSLATES INTO TAX REVENUE. WHAT HAPPENS NEEDLY WITH GROWTH IN TOWNS ARE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SHE SERVICE DEMAND. THAT'S EVERYTHING FROM INFRASTRUCTURE TO DIRECT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL FUND SIDE. AND YOU HAVE THAT UPFRONT COST LONG BEFORE YOU SEE THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE COME IN THE DOOR.

McCracken: AND THEN THE -- ALONG THOSE LINES, MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE FRONT-LOADED COST OF GROWTH IS THAT WE'RE HAVING TO HIRE 39 -- OF THE 120 NEW POLICE OFFICERS IN THIS BUDGET, I THINK 39 OF THEM ALONE ARE JUST TO SERVE THE POPULATION GROWTH.

IN OUR 2.0 POLICY.

McCracken: AS AN EXAMPLE, THE STATE WOULD SAY YOU HAVE TO RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY NEXT YEAR OR REPORT A GAP EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO HIRE 39 NEW POLICE OFFICERS AS, SAY, 100,000 A POP, WHATEVER THAT IS. THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT. BUILDING INSPECTION, ET CETERA.

YOU COULD GO ALL THE WAY DOWN FROM LOADS ON THE PARKS 50 DEPARTMENT, LOADS ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, LOADS ON THE LIBRARY, LITERALLY IN EVERY SERVICE WE PROVIDE.

McCracken: PART OF THE LESSON IS THAT IT'S KIND OF A REFLECTION OF THE STRONG ECONOMIC POPULATION GROWTH AND THE NATIONAL DESIRABILITY OF AUSTIN THAT WE FACE THESE CHALLENGES, BUT I WAS IN MY HOME TOWN OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE IS -- THAT'S NOT AN ISSUE THERE. IT'S BEEN FLAT FOR 30 YEARS. I THINK THIS IS A REFLECTION OF THE MANY BLESSINGS WE HAVE IN AUSTIN. THESE ARE CHALLENGES 99% OF AMERICANS WOULD KILL TO HAVE. GREAT JOB, IAL.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?
COUNCILMEMBER COLE.

Cole: THIS IS A WONDERFUL JOB. WE RECEIVED A LOT OF COMMUNITY COMMENT ABOUT THE \$27 MILLION GAP AND YOU HAVE WENT IN DETAIL EXACTLY HOW YOU CLOSED THAT. BUT I'M TRYING TO GET JUST A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF HOW YOU DID IT KNOWING THAT WE RAISED THE -- WENT TO THE ROLLBACK RATE AND USED \$5 MILLION OF THE STABILIZATION FUND, AND YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT HOW WE ADDED THE -- OVER 100 NEW POLICE OFFICERS. IF YOU COULD JUST SAY IN A MINUTE OR LESS WHERE WE DID MOST OF THE CUTS.

Mayor Wynn: I'LL SET THE CLOCK.

Kim: I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THE BIG PICTURE SO WE HAVE A WAY TO EXPLAIN THAT TO THE 51 PUBLIC.

COUNCILMEMBER, I THINK I'LL FIRST GO BACK AND TALK ABOUT THE FORECAST PROCESS. WHEN WE GO BACK AND DO -- START THE FORECAST PROCESS, IT REALLY IS A MACRO VIEW OF OUR OVERALL FINANCIAL SITUATION LOOKING FORWARD THE FIVE YEARS. SURELY WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE FIRST YEAR BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT'S THE NEXT CHANGE THAT WE'LL BE DEALING WITH. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

CASE C14 05 0124. WE HAVE THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM TO 9/27. IT IS ITEM NUMBER 107. ITEM NUMBER 108 IS CASE NPA 07 0001.01, FORT MAGRUDER, AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO THE DAWSON NEIGHBORHOOD FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT

206 TO 213 DUNLAP. 3902, 3904 AND 3906 AND 3907, AND WE HAVE A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST THAT WAS FILED BY THE APPLICANT, ALSO BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD, IF BOTH PARTIES CONCUR WE WOULD ALLOW THIS ITEM TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE OCTOBER 18 AGENDA. THAT IS 108. 109 IS A RELATED CASE, THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT FOR 3811 WADFORD, TO POSTPONE THIS RELATED ITEM ALSO TO OCTOBER 18. ITEM 110, 5707 SOUTHWEST PARK WAY, MAYOR, I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM, SO WE CAN LET THIS BE IN THE DISCUSSION AND CONTINUE ON.

RIGHT.

ITEM NUMBER 111 IS CASE C14 2007 0031, BLOCK 31, FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1000 EAST FIFTH STREET, 1001, 1003, 119, 1015 AND THE ALLEY AT THE BLOCK OF 1000 EAST SIXTH STREET. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM GENERAL SERVICES, MISSED USE, CONDITIONAL ONLY, COMBINED DISTRICT ZONING TO GENERAL DISTRICT SERVICES, OVERLAY, CENTRAL URBAN REDEVELOPMENT NEIGHBOR PLAN OR CSMU COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING, THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE REQUEST, ALSO TO INCLUDE PERMITTED VERTICAL MIXED USE ON THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL FOR ALL READINGS. THAT IS ITEM 111. ITEM NUMBER 112, WEST PALMER CENTER THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 2006 AND 2008 WEST PALMER LANE. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENT STANDARD LOT TO SF 2 DISTRICT ZONING TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING, THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT ON THIRD READING. ITEM NUMBER 113. THE WOLF HESTER TRACT AT 14000 U.S. HIGHWAY 183 NORTH, A REZONING REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE OR DR DISTRICT ZONING TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL OR GR DISTRICT ZONING. THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONING AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 114, CASE C14 2007 0059, BLUNT NUMBER 5, FOR

PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1206 WEST SLAUGHTER LANE, REZONING REQUEST FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE STANDARD LOT OR SF 2 DISTRICT ZONING TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR LR CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO GLANT THE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 115 IS CASE C14 2007 0063 LOCATED AT 11608 NORTH LAMAR, A CHANGE TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL OR LR DISTRICT ZONING, THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 116 IS CASE C 14 2007 0069. THE SASONA CO OP LOCATED AT 2604 PARAMOUNT AVENUE, A QUESTION FOR MULTI FAMILY RESIDENCE MEDIUM DENSITY CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR MF 3 CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO GRANT MULTI FAMILY RESIDENCE MEDIUM DENSITY CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND THAT IS READY FOR CONSENT ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 117, KISH TRACT. THIS IS A REZONING QUESTION FROM I RR DISTRICT ZONING TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE, LARGE LOT, SF 1 DISTRICT ZONING AND THIS IS READY, PLANNING RECOMMEND DIDN'T RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR THIS AND THIS IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS FOR SF 1 DISTRICT ZONING. ITEM NUMBER 118, CASE C14 2007 0074 AT 3923 MEDICAL PARK WAY THAN IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM NEIGHBORS COMMERCIAL OR LR DISTRICT ZONING, AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES OR CS DISTRICT ZONING TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE ZONING AND PLANNING RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, THE ONE MODIFICATION TO THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE OWNER HAVE WORKED TOGETHER, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE THREE USES THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE FROM THE PROHIBITED LIST UNDER PART C OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADD BACK AS NOW PERMITTED USES SO THE APPLICANT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE THREE USES. ONE IS FINANCIAL SERVICES, TWO IS

PERSONAL SERVICES, AND THREE IS PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES. SO THOSE THREE USES WOULD BE ADDED BACK AS PERMITTED USES AND REMOVED FROM THE PROHIBITED USE LIST. IN ADDITION, UNDER PART TWO OF THE ORDINANCE THERE IS A REFERENCE TO A SCREEN, THE PARKING STRUCTURE FOR MEDICAL PARK WAY AND 40th STREET, AS I UNDERSTAND THERE IS A PRIVATE RESTRICTED COVENANT THAT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES THAT WILL ADDRESS THAT ISSUE SO THAT WOULD ALSO BE REMOVED WITH THOSE TWO CHANGES WE CAN CHANGE THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, AND WE CAN OFFER THIS FOR THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 119, IS CASE C14 2007 0039. AUSTINVILLE AT 13265 U.S. HIGHWAY 183 NORTH. THIS IS A ZONING CHANGE REQUEST FROM INTERIM RR RURAL RESIDENCE DISTRICTING TO GR DISTRICT ZONING TO GR COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE ZONING PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TWO GRANT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR GR CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 120 IS CASE C14 2007 0067 LOCATED AT 3608 AND 3706 CLAWSON ROAD. THE STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS POSTPONED ACTION ON THIS CASE. THEY WILL NOT CONSIDER IT UNTIL THE AUGUST 14 MEETING AND THAT IS WHY STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO AUGUST 23. ITEM NUMBER 121 IS CASE C14 2007 0014, WEBB ESTATES, TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF AN ORDINANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4700 CITY PARK ROAD APPROXIMATELY, AND WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, IT IS THEIR SECOND REQUEST FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM, I UNDERSTAND IT IS TO AUGUST 9 THAT THE APPLICANT IS IN AGREEMENT, AND THEY ARE CONTINUING THEIR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THEIR PRIVATE AGREEMENT. THAT IS ON ITEM 121. ITEM 122, NPA 07 0008.01, 12th AND HARGRAVE DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS AN ITEM TO AMEND THE ROSEWOOD NEIGHBOR PLAN, AN ELEMENT OF THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM SINGLE FAMILY MIXED USE ON TRACT THREE AND McCLAIN

STREET AND FROM SINGLE FAMILY TO HIGH DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY FOR TRACK FOUR, LOOKING AT ZERO McCLAIN STREET. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE MIXED USE DESIGNATION ON TWO AND THREE AND HIGH DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY DESIGNATION ON TRACT FOUR. THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 123, CASE C14 2007 0041, AGAIN FOR THE 12th, AND HARGRAVE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1187, 1187 1/2, 1189, 1191 AND 1195 HARGRAVE STREET FOR 1.07 ACRE AND .79 ACRE TRACT OUT OF THE SUBDIVISION AND ZERO WHEAT STREET WHICH IS A 0.95 ACRE TRACT. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM GENERAL SERVICES MIXED USE, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, PLANNER, COMBINED DISTRICT ZONING AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, GR MU CO NP ZONING. CONDITIONAL OVERLAY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND COMBINED DISTRICT ZONING TO PERMIT VERTICAL MIXED USE ON TRACTS 1 THROUGH 3, TOWNHOUSE CONDOMINIUM RESIDENTS ARE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY AND COMBINED DISTRICT ZONE ON TRACT FOUR. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THAT APPLICANT'S REQUEST AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 124 AND 125 ARE RELATED, KNOWN AS RIVERFIELD FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 924 AND 926 EAST DEAN KEATON STREET. THIS WAS AN AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL AUSTIN COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD AREA. THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED AN ITEM BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 27th MEETING. THIS IS THE FIRST REQUEST. THE RELATED ITEM WHICH IS REZONING REQUEST AT 924 EAST DEAN KEATON STREET, APPLICANT IS REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT ALSO TO THE SEPTEMBER 27th MEETING. THE ADJACENT TRACT IS ITEM 126 AT 926 EAST DEAN KEATON STREET THAN IS ALSO REQUESTED TO POSTPONEMENT TO 9/27 WHICH IS THE APPLICANT'S FIRST QUESTION. ITEMS NUMBER 127, 128, 129 AND 130 INVOLVE THE UNIVERSITY HILLS AND WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREAS AND THESE ARE DISCUSSION ITEM INTO TECHNICALLY WE HAVE TAKEN THEM OFF THIS AGENDA, AND WE WILL TAKE THEM UP AS A SPECIAL CALL.

WE HAVE THOSE NOTED AT 1, 2, 3 AND 4.

A CLARIFICATION ON ITEM NUMBER 116 IS THE PROPOSAL OF ALL THREE READINGS?

THAT IS CORRECT.

THANK YOU. OKAY, SO COUNCIL THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE CASES WHERE WE HAVE YET TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO POSTPONE ITEMS NUMBER 107 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2007. TO POSTPONE ITEMS 108 AND 109 TO OCTOBER 18, 2007. TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS CASES NUMBER 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, NOTING THE CHANGES TO THE PROHIBITED USES AS READ INTO THE RECORD AND CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ALL THREE CASES 119, POSTPONING CASE 120 TO AUGUST 23, 2007. WE WILL POSTPONE ITEMS 121 TO AUGUST 9, 2007. WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING APPROVING ALL THERE'S READINGS CASES 122 AND 123, AND WE WILL POSTPONE TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2007, CASES 124, 125, AND 126. I WILL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER KIM. SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED. MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6 0. COUNCIL MEMBER COLE. THANK YOU. I THINK WE CAN TAKE UP OUR ONE DISCUSSION ITEM. BECAUSE I BELIEVE ALL OUR ITEMS FOR OUR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ARE LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSION ITEMS SO LET'S TAKE UP ITEM 110, PLEASE.

CASE C14 06 0229. A TRACT IN THE MARTIN CREEK WATERSHED AND A REQUEST FROM DR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE TO GO MU CO WHICH STAND FOR GENERAL OFFICE MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINED DISTRICT ZONING AND LO MU CO, LIMITED OFFICE MIXED USE CONNAL OVERLAY AND THAT IS WHAT THE REQUEST THE APPLICANT IS ASKING FOR. IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, IT IS A TRACT THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 46.7 ACRES. PART OF THE RECOMMENDATION ON THIS PROPERTY WOULD PROHIBIT SEVERAL USES ON THE PROPERTY. WHICH WOULD APPLY TO BOTH TRACTS ONE AND TRACT TWO. TRACT ONE BEING APPROXIMATELY WHICH IS PROPOSED FOR THE GENERAL OFFICE MIXED USE CO, COMBINED DISTRICT ZONING. AND

ON THE TRACT TWO, THE 17 ACRES WHICH IS THE SOUTHERN PART. THE PROHIBITED USES WOULD INCLUDE THE COMMERCIAL SERVICES FACILE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RECREATION PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, HOSPITAL SERVICES, GENERAL OFF SITE ACCESS REPARKING, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING, RESTAURANT, LIMITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS, THE CONDITIONAL RELEASES ON THIS PROPERTY WITH A SITE PLAN APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD INCLUDE PUBLIC, SECONDARY EDUCATION FACILITIES, UTILITY SERVICES, COLLEGE, AND YOU HAVE FACILITIES AND PRIVATE SECONDARY EDUCATION FACILITIES AND SAFETY SERVICES. THERE WAS A CONDITION THAT WOULD DRAW LETTING THE PROPERTY BE SHIELDED SO THEY WOULD NOT SIGN ON THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES, ALSO THAT THE OWNER PROVIDE FOR INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT OR IPM PLAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE PROTECTION DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. AND FINALLY AT THE TIME OF AN APPLICATION FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY THAT A LANDSCAPE PLAN THAT USES NATIVE PLANTS AND ADAPTIVE PLANT MATERIALS ACCORDING TO THE GROW GREEN PLANT LIST SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE WATERSHED FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. THIS CASE WAS SUBMITTED LAST YEAR AND WAS POSTPONED UNTIL SUCH TIME THE APPLICANT HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF NEIGHBORHOOD OPPOSITION TO THIS REQUEST. IT IS SUBJECT TO THE SAVE OUR SPRINGS ORDINANCE, SOS ORDINANCE AND WOULD BE LIMITED TO A 15% COVER LIMITATION. THE PROPERTY ITSELF IS LOCATED ALONG SOUTHWEST PARK WAY ON THE SOUTH SIDE AND IS ADJACENT TO APARTMENTS FURTHER TO THE NORTH WHICH ARE ZONES MF 2 AND UNDER DEVELOPS TRACTS OF LAND. TO THE WEST IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH A SMALL PRESCHOOL THAT COUNCIL RECENTLY APPROVED FOR LR ZONING POSSIBLY FOR A DAY CARE. TO THE EAST THERE ARE OFFICE BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. MGO AND LO TO THE SOUTH IS AN OLDER SUBDIVISION THAT WAS DEVELOPED IN THE LATE 70s, I BELIEVE, THAT ARE PARTIALLY DEVELOPED AND ZONED SF 2. AT THIS TIME I WILL PAUSE THE APPLICANT'S AGENT IS HERE, AND CAN

SPEAK TO THEIR PROPOSAL ON THIS PROPERTY. AND I BELIEVE THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAVE OUR SPRINGS COALITION IS ALSO HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM AT THIS TIME.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF? COUNCIL, COMMENTS? IF NOT, WE WILL HAVE OUR OWNER OR AGENT APPLICANT PRESENTATION, AND WE WILL SET THE CLOCK FOR FIVE MINUTES. AND CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND A THREE MINUTE REBUTTAL. WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBER. STEVE METCALF ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT. AS GREG POINTED OUT, THIS TRACT IS ON SOUTHWEST PARK WAY, IT IS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SOUTHWEST PARK WAY, CURRENTLY ZONED DR, WHERE PROPOSING GR IN THE FRONT AND MU ON THE BACK. THE ZONING IS A MIX, SOME GO, SOME GR, YOU'VE GOT SOME MULTIFAMILY, SOME SINGLE FAMILY. THERE IS A LARGE MIX OF ZONING HERE. THERE IS SOME OFFICE OUT THERE ALREADY. THE PROJECT WE ARE PROPOSING ON THE SITE, THE SITE IS ABOUT 46 ACRES, THERE IS GOING TO BE TWO OFFICE BUILDING, 160,000 SQUARE FEET EACH. ABOUT 95% OF THE PARKING IS STRUCTURED. THE SITE IS ONLY 15% IMPERVIOUS COVER, IT IS COMPLIANT NO GRANDFATHERING, THE DEVELOPMENT ENDS UP BEING ONLY ON ABOUT FIVE ACRES BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH 15% IMPERVIOUS COVER YOU REALLY GET DOWN TO ALMOST SOMETHING THAT IS LIKE TEN. THE TRACT IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN TO HAVE THE AREA. IT IS SHOWN AS MIXED USE WHICH IS WHY THE ZONING BEING ASKED FOR IS GO MU EVEN THOUGH WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OFFICE BUILDING, IT GETS THE ABILITY TO HAVE A MIXED USE IN THE FUTURE. I DON'T RUN THROUGH WHOLE LIST, I THINK GREG LISTED ALL THESE OUT BUT THE ZONING HAS A NUMBER OF USE, THERE IS SHIELDED LIGHTING, IPM, A REQUIRE TOM GROW GREEN LANDSCAPING, WE ALSO HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING TO THE NEIGHBORS AND OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS WE'VE WORKED OUT A SET OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS WITH THEM AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS IN SUPPORT. THE MAIN THING IS A VEGETATIVE BUFFER ZONE. IF YOU LOOK AT THIS PLAN HERE, UP ON THE TOP IS WHERE SOUTHWEST PARK IS, YOU

CAN SEE THAT AREA CROSS HATCHED ON THE BACK, THAT IS A 750 FOOT BUFFER ON THE BACK SO WE AGREE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD THERE IS A 750 FOOT BUFFER, THE TIGHTER CROSS HATCHING YOU SEE IS WHERE THERE CAN BE NO, NOTHING AT ALL, THE BROADER CROSS HATCHING WE CAN HAVE PASSIVE PARK USES. PUT SOME PARK BENCHES BACK THERE, HAVE SOME PARK PLANS BUT NO ACTIVE PARK USES. THE REST OF THE THINGS WE'VE AGREE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AGAIN, YOU WILL SEE ON THIS LIST HERE, LIGHT POLLUTION, TRASH PICKS UP LIMITATION, TREE REPLACEMENTS, WATER QUALITY FACILITIES WILL BE DESIGNED TO PUSH DRAINAGE AWAY FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS WOULD BE A FULLY SOS COMPLIANT WATER QUALITY SYSTEM, REIRRIGATION SYSTEM. SO IN SUMMARY, THE SITE IS FULLY SOS COMPLIANT, IT IS VERY, VERY LOW DENSITY, IT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING ZONING, AND WE HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU GUYS HAVE.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR THE AGENT, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? IF NOT, WE WILL HEAR FROM FOLKS IN SUPPORT OF THE ZONING CASE. NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR THAT. WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER IN OPPOSITION. MR. CLARK. WELCOME MR. CLARK.

GOOD AFTERNOON. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, COLLIN CLARK WITH SAVE OUR SPRINGS ALLIANCE, AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU DENY THIS REQUESTED ZONING CHANGE. THERE ARE NO GRANDFATHERING CLAIMS ON THIS PROPERTY. THE SOS ORDINANCE WILL GOVERN THE AMOUNT OF IMPERVIOUS COVER SO THE CITY HAS A LOT OF FREEDOM TO DESCRIBE THE LAND. HE DESCRIBED IT AS LOW DENSITY, I WOULDN'T DESCRIBE 320,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AS LOW DENSITY. THE OFFICE BANK TOWER HAS 500 SOMETHING SQUARE FEET SO THIS IS LIKE 3/5 OF THE FROST BANK TOWER ON SOUTHWEST PARK WAY IT. THERE IS A LOT OF OFFICE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NOW OR ZONED FOR OFFICE ON SOUTHWEST PARK WAY. THERE IS NOT SOME NEIGHBORHOOD NEED FOR MORE OFFICE BUILDINGS OUT THERE. AND SINCE DO YOU HAVE THE FREEDOM OR YOU ARE NOT STRAINED BY GRANDFATHERING CLAIMS, SINCE THE SOS ORDINANCE

WILL BE ON WHATEVER TYPE OF ZONING IS APPROVED, WE FEEL THE CITY SHOULD USE ITS DISCRETION TO LOOK AT THE LEAST INTENSE USES BECAUSE THIS IS IN THE BARTON STRINGS RECHARGE ZONE. SO DEVELOPMENT RESERVES A ITS CURRENT ZONING, IF A SINGLE FAMILY ZONING WERE ON THAT PROPERTY OR RURAL RESIDENCE, YOU WILL HAVE A LOT LESS TRAFFIC. THE TIA FOR THIS PROPERTY, FOR THE PROPOSED ZONING SHOWS OVER 3,000 CAR TRIPS PER DAY. YOU HAD RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING, YOU WOULD HAVE MAYBE 400 CAR TRIPS PER DAY SO A FACTOR OF NINE MORE CAR TRIPS PER DAY ON SOUTHWEST PARK WAY, AND WE WOULD LIKE THE CITY TO ACCEPT THE WEIGHT OF THIS, CONSIDERING AMD IS MOVING INTO SOUTHWEST PARK WAY, CONSIDERING ALL THE OTHER OFFICE ZONING OUT THERE, THE CITY DOESN'T HAVE, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, A STUDY OF WHAT THE TRAFFIC DEMAND IS GOING TO BE ON SOUTHWEST PARK WAY WITH ALL OF THE OFFICE COMING ON LINE. AND IT DOESN'T SEEM APPROPRIATE TO ZONE FOR MORE OFFICE ON SOUTHWEST PARK WAY, GOING TO CREATE MORE TRAFFIC OVER THE RECHARGE ZONE, MORE CARS DRIVING OVER THE RECHARGE ZONE SPILLING OIL AND GREECE. YOU HAVE THE TONIGHT HERE TO DENY THIS ZONE, PROPERTY OWNER ASKS REQUEST A DIFFERENT ZONE, THEY CAN STILL BUILD SOMETHING BLUE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE SOS ORDINANCE. WE WILL AGAIN ASK THAT YOU DENY THIS ZONING, AND REALLY START LOOKING AT THE BIGGER PICTURE OF HOW MUCH TRAFFIC IS GOING TO BE OUT OVER SOUTHWEST PARK WAY WITH WHAT IS CURRENTLY BUILT, AND CURRENTLY ZONED. AND WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT QUESTION ALSO 6 THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING STAFF AS REGARDS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. CLARK. QUESTIONS FOR MR. CLARK, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? THANK YOU, SIR. MR. METCALF YOU HAVE A THREE MINUTE REBUTTAL IF NEED BE. WELCOME BACK.

THANK YOU MAYOR. LET ME JUST ADDRESS A COUPLE OF THINGS. AGAIN, POINT OUT, BECAUSE AS WE POINTED OUT, AND MR. CLARK AGREES WITH, THE PROJECT WILL BE FULLY SOS COMPLIANT. THOSE WHERE THE RULES SET FORTH IN HOW YOU DEVELOP OVER THE AQUIFER, MOST OF THE

PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT HAVE CLAIMED SOME KIND OF GRANDFATHERING, IT WILL BE FULLY SOS COMPLIANT. AS FAR AS DENSITY IS CONCERNED, IF YOU LOOK AT THE SIDE OF THE TRACT IT IS 46 ACRES WHICH IS ALMOST 2 MILLION SQUARE FEET. WE ARE PUTTING 320,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE OUT THERE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE FAR, THAT IS .6 TO 1. FAR FOR GO IS TYPICALLY 1 TO 1, HERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OF 6 TO 1 FAR SO IT IS A LOW DENSITY BASED ON THE SITE. AS FAR AS THE TRAFFIC IS CONCERNED THIS, PROJECT GENERATES ABOUT 3,000 TRIPS PER DAY WHICH IS ABOUT EQUIVALENT TO TWO OR THREE FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS. IT IS JUST NOT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC. SO I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, MR. METCALF. QUESTIONS FOR THE AGENT, COUNCIL? COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

I BELIEVE YOU SAID IT WAS 15% IMPERVIOUS COVER AND GROWTH SIDE AREA, AND I BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL. COULD YOU DESCRIBE THAT FOR US.

YEAH, THAT IS EXACTLY RIGHT. WOULD YOU PUT THAT UP THERE. THIS IS A LITTLE BIT OF AN UNUSUAL SITUATION IN THAT THIS SITE HAS A CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE THAT CROSSES THE ENTIRE FRONT OF IT. BASED ON THAT, THERE IS NO WAY TO ACCESS THE SITE UNLESS YOU CROSS THE CRITICAL. IN THE SOS AREAS, THE SOS ORDINANCE PROHIBITS CROSSING A CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE WITH A DRIVEWAY BUT IN THIS SITE THERE IS NO WAY TO ACCESS THE SITE UNLESS YOU CROSS THE CRITICAL IS WE SPENT A BUNCH OF TIME WITH STAFF, INTERNALLY AND GOING OUT AND WALKING IT AND FIGURING OUT THE BEST PLACE TO CROSS THE CRITICAL WOULD BE, SINCE IT IS SOS IT IS A PROCESS TO GET THAT ADJUSTMENT. IT WON'T BE A VARIANCE, IT IS A LIMITED ADJUSTMENT AND BECAUSE OF THAT IT COMES BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY COUNCIL GETS TO LOOK AT THAT AND MAKE A DECISION ON THE ADJUSTMENT SO THIS WILL BE BACK IN FRONT YOU HAVE TO LOOK THE AT CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE

ISSUE ANT DRIVEWAY CROSSING IT.

COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

SO IF WE APPROVE TODAY, WHAT IS THAT GOING TO LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF CROSSING THE WATER QUALITY ZONE. WHAT IS IT YOU HAD IN MIND TO DO THAT?

IT WILL BE A DRIVEWAY THAT WILL, WE'RE PICKING THE PLACE THAT IS THE LEAST, THAT THE SMALLEST PORTION OF THE CRITICAL. IF YOU LOOK ON THAT SLIDE IN FRONT OF YOU, YOU WILL SEE THE RED AREA IS THE CRITICAL, WE WENT OUT THAN WALKED THE SITE AND TRIED TO FIND A PLACE THAT WAS THE LEAST INTRUSIVE. IN ORDER TO ACTIVE SET THE SITE YOU ARE GOING TO CROSS THE CRITICAL. WE LOOKED FOR THE PLACE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TREE REMOVAL AS FAR AS BIG NICE TREES AND THAT IS WHAT WE WORKED ON WITH THE STAFF THAN COMES BACK TO YOU BECAUSE THAT IS THE WAY THE PROCESS WORKS.

THE STAFF WILL GIVES YOU A RECOMMENDATION AS WELL ON THAT PART.

IF STAFF WANTS TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS MORE THEY CAN, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS IS WHEN WE FILE OUR SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION WE MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AS WELL THAN APPLICATION BASICALLY SAYS IF YOU ENFORCE THE SOS ORDINANCE THAT PROHINTS CROSSING THE CRITICAL YOU WILL HAVE TAKEN THE PROPERTY BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY TO ACCESS THE PROPERTY SO THAT IS A DECISION THAT COMES BACK TO COUNCIL. COUNCIL CAN AGREE WITH STAFF, LEGAL STAFF'S DETERMINATION THEN IT GOES BACK DOWN TO STAFF AND STAFF LOOKS APT OUR CROSSING AND TRIES MAKE SURE WE ARE DOING IT IN THE LEAST INTRUSIVE WAY AND WHAT OTHER TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT ALFIE TOURS WE ARE BRINGING TO THE TABLE IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CROSSING.

SO MAYBE THIS IS FOR OUR ATTORNEY, BUT WILL THAT REQUIRE A SUPER MAJORITY ON THAT VOTE AT THAT TIME

FOR THAT CASE?

I BELIEVE SO.

OKAY. AND IS THERE A WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP MITIGATE THIS BY CROSSING OVER IT, IS THERE ANYWAY TO ENGINEER THAT? I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WE WILL LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO CROSS. IT WE WILL TRY TO FIND THE LEAST INTRUSIVE WAY TO CROSS. IF THAT INVOLVES SOME KIND OF SPAN WE WILL LOOK AT THAT, BUT THOSE ARE ISSUES WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT GUESS THROUGH PROCESS WITH STAFF AND TRY TO FIND THAT SOLUTION.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

MR. MURPHY, YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THAT IN ANYWAY?

I JUST, I'M PAT MURPHY, WATERSHED PROTECTION. I WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT STAFF HAS BEEN OUT TO THE SITE AND THE CREEK BASICALLY WAS DIVERTED BY SOUTHWEST PARK WAY WHEN THEY BUILT IT INTO A DRAINAGE SWELL THAT RUN ACE LONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND IT GOES INTO A DROP STRUCTURE UNDERNEATH SOUTHWEST PARK WAY. THE AREA THEY ARE CURRENTLY PROPOSING TO CROSS THE CREEK IS THAT PREVIOUSLY MAN MADE DISTURBED PORTION SO IT HAS THE FEWEST TREES AND IT IS NOT DISTURBING A NATURAL CREEK IT APPEARS TO BE THE BEST PLACE FOR A DRIVE FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE SO WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS FOR SOME TIME, BUT HAVE NOT MADE A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION YET ON THIS REQUEST.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, AND THEN LEFFINGWELL.

MAYOR, I JUST WANTED TO ASK, IN TERMS OF THE PROCESS, PRIOR TO COMING TO US TODAY DID IT GO BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD AND THROUGH THE, YOU KNOW, THROUGH THE NORMAL ZONING PROCESS OF PLANNING AND IF SO, OR NOT, WHAT HAPPENS IN THE

LIMITED ADJUSTMENT. DOES THAT ALSO GO BACK THROUGH PUBLIC PROCESS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD PLANNING COMMISSION?

THE ZONING NORMALLY DOES NOT GO TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD. THE AGREEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, THOSE DO GO TYPICALLY THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD AS WELL AS THE COMMISSION, LAND USE COMMISSION. WE GET SO FEW OF THE LIMITED ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS, THERE JUST AREN'T THAT MANY OF THEM, MY UNDERSTANDING IS FORMALLY TECHNICALLY BY THE CODE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT REQUIRES AN ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION BUT THIS IF THAT WERE THE DESIRE OF COUNCIL IT IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING WE WOULD DO IT. IS ESSENTIALLY THOUGH A LEGAL ANALYSIS. BASICALLY, IT IS A TWO PART PROCESS. THEY SUBMIT A REQUEST WHERE THEY CLAIM A VIOLATION OF OTHER LAW AS A RESULT OF THIS REQUIREMENT, THAT IS EVALUATED BY OUR LAW DEPARTMENT, THAT IS PRESENTED TO COUNSEL AND COUNSEL DETERMINES IF THERE HAS BEEN JUSTIFICATION FOR A LIMITED ADJUSTMENT, AND WITH THAT A PROPOSAL, AN ACTUAL PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR APPROVAL SO IT IS BASICALLY TWO PART PROCESS, BUT CERTAINLY IF WE WANTED TO GO THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD THAT WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM, AND WE WOULD MAKE SURE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSAL AFTER THE INITIAL ANALYSIS WAS COMPLETE.

MR. MURPHY, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THERE IS AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY RIGHT THERE TO ACCESS THE PROPERTY NOW. IT IS LOCATED IN ANOTHER LOCATION?

CORRECT.

SO WHEN WE GET TO THE PROCESS OF ADDRESSING OF THE ADJUSTMENT, ALL OF THESE ENVIRONMENTING A ISSUES NEED TO BE EVALUATED THOROUGHLY WHICH I'M SURE YOU WILL DO BY I WOULD REQUEST THIS GO BACK TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD FOR THEIR SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS

MIGHT OFFSET THIS ADJUSTMENT, AND I WOULD ASK THIS OF LEGAL. WHEN WE COME BACK TO CONSIDER A LIMITED ADJUSTMENT, IS IT APPROPRIATE TO ATTACH CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS TO APPROVAL OF THE LIMITED ADJUSTMENT? SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, GREEN BUILDING? SUCH AS HOW THE CROSSING IS TO BE

IF THE COUNCIL FINDS THAT APPLICATION OF SOS WOULD VIOLATE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, THE NEXT STEP IS TO GRANT BASICALLY THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT FROM SOS, SO I THINK AS PART OF DETERMINING WHAT IS THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT TO SOS YOU WOULD INCLUDE CONDITIONS SUCH AS THOSE.

THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

I THINK SO, YES.

OKAY.

IF I MIGHT POINT OUT QUICKLY, I BELIEVE THE APPROPRIATE PROCESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE THAT THE INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST WOULD BE DONE BY LAW DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL WOULD BE BRIEFED AND ON THAT, THAT POSSIBLY WOULD BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION BRIEFING. AT THAT POINT THEN, IF COUNCIL FELT THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE, WE WOULD THEN GO BACK THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD ON ANY PROPOSAL THAT WOULD BE COMING BACK TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO MEET THAT ADJUSTMENT.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ALSO, THIS IS ALONG HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY SO WHEN THEY BRING IN THEIR SITE PLAN FOR APPROVAL IT WILL GO BEFORE A PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW IT MOST LIKELY, IF THERE WERE DEVIATIONS FROM OUR ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION IT IS WOULD GO BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD AS PART OF THAT REVIEW SO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THEIR COMMENTS BEFORE THE HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY, WHICH IS A COMMISSION APPROVED SITE PLAN IS APPROVED. ALSO NOTICE WOULD BE GIVEN TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. AS LONG AS SOS IS REGISTERED AS A COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION THEY WILL BE

NOTICED. IT IS APPEALABLE TO THE CITY COUNCIL IF THERE IS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS AGRIEVED BY THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON EITHER SIDE BY ANY INTERESTED PARTY. SO YOU GET TO MAKE TWO DECISIONS ON THIS INSTEAD OF ONE WITH REGARD TO THIS PROPERTY, SHOULD IT BE APPEALED.

QUESTION, COMMENTS? QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? AND REMIND ME, IS STAFF READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS ON THE ZONING PART OF THIS PROJECT?

WE ARE, AND THERE IS AN ORDINANCE. AGAIN THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT GENERAL OFFICE MIXED CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, AND LIMITED OFFICE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR MIXED USE SO THE LO MU CU ON THE PROPERTIES ON TRACTS ONE AND TWO SO THIS WOULD BE READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS WITH THESE CHANGES.

THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS COUNCIL? IF NOT, I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM 110. COUNCIL MEMBER KIM.

SINCE THIS IS AN SOS COMPLIANT DEVELOPMENT AND IT IS LARGE AMOUNT OF LAND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE AGENT DEVELOPER ON WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THE SECOND PART OF IT WHEN IT COMES BACK TO US AND TO MITIGATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT HERE ON THIS, ON THE WATER QUALITY ZONE SO I'LL PROVE, MAKE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE QUESTION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KIM TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 110 AS RECOMMENDED AON ALL THREE READINGS. SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLE. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7 0.

THAT DOES INCLUDE CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THANK YOU.

COUNCIL, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ON ITEM 111 I WANT TO CLARIFY, YOU TOOK THIS EARLIER, IT WAS A PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST 6th STREET IN A VACATE THE ALLEY. ITEM 111 WHEN THAT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE WAS CLEAR IT WAS THE PLANNING RECOMMENDATION WE TOOK ON CONSENT FOR THREE READINGS SO I WANT TO BE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR ON THAT IT WAY POINTED OUT TO ME I MAY HAVE INADVERTENTLY REFERENCES THE CURE DISTRICT AND THE CORRECT PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT COMMUNITY, GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES, MIXED USE, NEIGHBOR PLAN OR CS MU CO AND APPLY VERTICAL MIXED USE TO THE SITE. I WANTED TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE FOR THE RECORD IT WAS THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION.

COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO MADE THE MOTION, THE SECOND ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, BUT IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE RESTATED AS PART OF THE RECORD FOR ITEM NUMBER 111. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THAT GETS TO THE LATTER PART OF OUR AGEN I WANTED TO NOTE THAT ITEMS 127, 128, 129 AND 130 WERE TO THE UNIVERSITY HILLS WINDSOR PARK COMBINED NEIGHBOR PLAN AND REZONING THAT THOSE ITEMS AS READ INTO THE RECORD EARLIER TODAY WERE REMOVED, AND THERE IS A SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM, OR SPECIAL CALL MEETINGS ITEMS LISTED UNDER 4:00 AS ITEMS NUMBER 1, 2, 3 AND 4 HAVE REPLACED THOSE ITEMS. AT THIS TIME I WILL TURN IT OVER TO ADRIAN DAMOSS IN OUR WHO WAS PRESENT THOSE FOUR ITEMS.

WE NEED TO RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. WE STILL HAVE A COUPLE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO TAKE UP AFTER OUR DINNER BREAK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION LATER, AND NOW I WILL CALL TO ORDER THIS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, JULY 26, 2007 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL, AS POINTED OUT WE HAVE FOUR ITEMS ON THIS SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL AGENDA, ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING, 1, 2, 3 AND 4 AS HE

MENTIONED RELATED TO OUR NEIGHBOR PLANS.

SO AT THIS TIME I WILL TURN OVER TO PRESENT THESE ITEMS, AND SHE LIKELY SPEAK TO A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST THAT HAS BEEN RECENTLY SUBMITTED.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ADRIAN DELMOS, A NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING WITH THE PLAN AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AND AS GREG MENTIONED I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY WINDSOR PARK PLAN. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE STAFF HAS RECEIVED TODAY TWO POSTPONEMENT QUESTIONS, ONE IS FROM THE UNIVERSITY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO POSTPONE THE UNIVERSITY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND THE OTHER IS FROM RESPONSIBLE GROWTH FOR WINDSOR PARK SO I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FROM EACH OF THOSE PLANS TO SPEAK ON THEIR REASONINGS FOR THE REQUEST, AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE POSTPONEMENT REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE GROWTH AND NOW RECEIVED THE ONE FOR THE YOU HAVE HILLS ASSOCIATION SO I WILL PASS IT OUT TO YOU AS THEY ARE SPEAKING. ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

WE HAVE FOUR POSTED ITEMS SO TECHNICALLY THE UNIVERSITY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD FOLKS ARE ASKING THAT WE POSTPONE ITEMS ONE AND TWO, WHICH WOULD BE, ITEM NUMBER ONE BEING THE COMPREHENSIVE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE COMBINEED YOU HAVE AND WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND ITEM NUMBER TWO ON THE SPECIAL CALLED AGENDA WOULD BE THE ACTUALLY UNIVERSITY HILLS.

THAT IS CORRECT, THE ZONING THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT THE PLANS FOR UNIVERSITY HILLS.

SO, THEREFORE, WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBLE GROWTH FOR WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD FOLKS, WANTS TO POSTPONE ITEMS NUMBER ONE AS WELL, WHICH IS THAT COMBINED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND THEN ITEM THREE. AND ITEM NUMBER FOUR I GUESS WOULD ALSO BE A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST BY BOTH PARTIES. COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE ASK THE FOLKS FROM THE

UNIVERSITY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP WHO ARE REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT TO COME FORWARD AND STATE THEIR CASE, I'M SURE THIS IS A QUALIFIED REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND CERTAINLY OUR PRACTICES THAT ARE WITH THE FIRST REQUEST FROM EITHER A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP THAT HAS STANDING ESSENTIALLY AND/OR IN THE CASE OF AN I WOULD HAVE ZONING CASE THE OWNER APPLICANT OR AGENT WE GENERALLY GRANT THOSE REQUESTS BUT WELCOME, SIR.

THANK YOU. MY NAME IS AL WEBER, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN CONTACT TEAM SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. AS HAVE MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN UNIVERSITY HILLS. WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS A POSTPONEMENT OF THE ITEMS RELATED TO THE UNIVERSITY HILLS PORTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND A POSTPONEMENT TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS REQUESTED. THE REASON FOR THAT IS WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE PLAN AND DEALING WITH EXCEPTIONS TO THOSE DIFFERENT VERSIONS, A FULL COMPLETE PLAN BECAME AVAILABLE THIS WEEK, AND WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TIME TO SIT AND REVIEW IT AND GO OVER IT AND MAKE SURE IT REFLECTS THE CONSENSUS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE AGREEMENTS WE'VE REACHED WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DIFFERENT INTERESTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THANK YOU, SIR. QUESTIONS, COUNCIL, COMMENTS? WE RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THESE PLANS AND WE APPRECIATE THE FOLKS WORKING SO HARD TO BRING AS MUCH CONSENSUS FOR IT AS POSSIBLE SO I SUSPECT THERE IS GOING TO BE STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS POSTPONEMENT REQUEST.

THANK YOU, WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING THE PLAN WORK. WE ARE EXCITED BY WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT IS IN IT IS ACCURATE.

AGREED. THANK YOU, SIR. AND SO THE FOLKS FROM OUR

OTHER POSTPONING NEIGHBORHOOD, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBLE GROWTH WINDSOR PARK GROUP. WELCOME SIR.

HELLO, I'M SCOOTER CHEATHAM FROM RESPONSIBLE GROWTH FROM WINDSOR PARK. THE REASON FOR THE DELAY REQUEST CAME ABOUT BECAUSE THE RESPONSIBILITY GROWTH IS A GROUP THAT SORT OF CAME IN ON THE TALE END OF THE PLAN PROCESS, AND HAVE BEEN PUTTING IN LOTS OF HOURS DOING RESEARCH AND ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT TROUBLED PEOPLE THAT FORMED THIS GROUP WAS NOT ENOUGH OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 17,500 PEOPLE REALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS. OR IT IS OUR PERCEPTION WITH NOTIFIED ABOUT IT, SO WHILE WE BEGAN WORKING ON STUDYING ZONING ISSUE, STATEMENT WE BEGAN WORKING ON A SURVEY, COMING FROM A LAYMAN'S POINT OF VIEW, AND PASSED IT THROUGH SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE DONE SURVEYS AND WE SENT AN EARLY COPY TO THE WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, HAVEN'T GOTTEN SOMETHING BACK FROM HER, BUT WE ARE HOPING TO PUT SOCIETY SOMETHING WE CAN BOTH USE TO DO A DOOR TO DOOR CAMPAIGN, AND REALLY GET THE VISION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLARIFIED, EVEN THOUGH IT IS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS NOW. I'VE TALKED WITH AIDS OF SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND I THINK THE PERCEPTION IT IS PRETTY LATE IN THE PROCESS TO BE DOING IT, YOU WOULD RATHER, YOU KNOW, THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MAYBE DONE EARLIER, BUT THIS WAS CONFIRMED AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING LAST THURSDAY WHEN THEY STARTED TALKING ABOUT THE THINGS SHE WAS GOING TO FIX AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS AND THE FIRST THING SHE TALKED ABOUT WAS WE TOOK THE BUDGET OUT FOR EDUCATION AND SURVEYING THE NEIGHBORHOOD EARLY ON. WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD THIS BIG, THAT IS A BIG CHUNK. I MEAN, THAT IS A BIG STEP. SO I GUESS THE POSITION I'M TAKING NOW IS WE NEED TO DO THE SURVEY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AND WE WILL PROBABLY JUST CONDUCT IT ON OUR PHONE THERE IS NOT SUPPORT FOR IT, SO THE DESIRE TO DELAY IS QUALIFIED BY PRETTY MUCH OUR CONVERSATIONING. I KNOW THERE ARE A NUMBER OF

PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED A QUESTION FOR THAT. WAS THAT SNOW DID I TOUCH SOMETHING HERE. [LAUGHTER] WE ALL NEED TO BE WAKED UP. ANYWAY, THERE IS SECOND REQUEST TO PRESS FOR REOPENING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TRACKS AND ALL CAN BE DISCUSSED LATER AS WELL BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE RATHER ANYWAY, I WOULD LEAVE THAT TO YOUR DISCRETION, I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TO SAY, IF YOU THINK THE SURVEY IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD SUPPORT AND DELAY FOR THAT, OTHERWISE WE WILL GO AHEAD AND DO.

THANK YOU, SIR. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCIL? THANK YOU, SIR. IN MY UNDERSTANDING IS PERHAPS THE OTHER WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP, THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THE NEED FOR POSTPONEMENT, SO I WOULD WELCOME SO COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THAT LEADERSHIP THAT MIGHT WANT TO ADDRESS THIS. YOU KNOW, RECOGNIZING WE DO HAVE A RELATIVELY FIRM COUNCIL POLICY HONORING FIRST TIME REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS. WELCOME.

HI, I'M PRESIDENT OF WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE FEEL THAT THERE HAS BEEN MORE THAN ENOUGH ADEQUATE TIME TO BE GOING OVER THIS, AND IF YOUR POLICY IS TO GRANT THE FIRST REQUEST, THAT IS FINE, I WOULD HOPE IT IS DELAYED NO MORE, ABSOLUTELY NO MORE. ALREADY WE HAVE THREE DELAYS WITH PLANNING COMMISSION, WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A VERY LONG TIME, PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO GET BURNED OUT. IT IS JUST BEEN A VERY, VERY LONG PROCESS FOR THOSE THAT WERE INVOLVED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. THAT WERE INVOLVED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, AND WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DOES HAVE A 25-YEAR HISTORY AND WE WERE CERTAINLY NOTIFIED AND WE WERE CERTAINLY GIVING MONTHLY UPDATES AND TRYING TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED, AND IT'S -- SEVERAL WAYS OF GIVING UPDATES AND INFORMATION OUT TO PEOPLE. I FEEL THAT THAT'S REALLY KIND OF -- I HAVE A HARD TIME WITH THAT BEING AN ARGUMENT, GIVEN THE INFORMATION THAT WAS GOING OUT ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

MAYOR WYNN: AND BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE AND THE STAGE THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE PLANNED AT, THE THINGS ARE -- THERE'S GOING TO BE SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT BUT I GUESS WE'RE LOOKING FOR TIME THAT'S NEEDED FOR THESE ADDITIONAL FOLKS TO BOTH GET UP TO SPEED AND CONTINUE THEIR SORT OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION ON A COUPLE INDIVIDUAL TRACKS.

I THINK -- AS STAFF IS READY AND THE FINAL DRAFT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE SINCE FEBRUARY, SO THERE'S BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS FOR THE -- FOR RESPONSIBLE -- GROWTH -- TO READ THE PLAN AND GIVE US COMMENTS AND THEY HAVE GIVEN US COMMENTS AND THEY'VE GIVEN US DISAGREEMENTS WHERE THEY DISAGREE WITH THE ORIGINAL PLAN RECOMMENDATION. IF WE WERE TO CHOOSE PRIOR TO THE SECOND PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING THERE WAS A SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FACILITATOR TO WORK OUT SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES ON CONTESTED TRACKS AND IF WE WERE TO CHOOSE TO OPEN UP THOSE NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN I THINK WE WOULD PROBABLY NEED AT LEAST A WEEK OR TWO. IF IT'S JUST A MATTER OF ALLOWING PEOPLE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO REVIEW THE EXISTING VERSION OF THE DRAFT PLAN AS IT IS NOW, I THINK ONLY A WEEK WOULD BE NECESSARY. SO IT KIND OF DEPENDS ON WHAT YOUR COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT, AT LEAST IN MY PERSPECTIVE -- WHAT YOUR COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT TO DO AT LEAST -- TO FOLLOW UP ON WORK THAT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE ON THE PLAN. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

MAYOR WYNN: THAT HELPS. I GUESS IT WASN'T CLEAR TO ME AT LEAST FROM THE -- FROM THE LIMITED TESTIMONY WE HAD FROM THE TWO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS THAT ARE ASKING FOR THE POSTPONEMENT, WHAT THEIR PERSPECTIVE OF, YOU KNOW, HOW MUCH WORK STILL MIGHT NEED TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO BRING AS MANY OF THESE TRACKS FORWARD WITHOUT CONTENTION.

MAYOR?

MAYOR WYNN: YES.

MCCRACKEN: I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE FOR ONE WEEK. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR TWO YEARS.

MAYOR WYNN: OUR NEXT MEETING IS ACTUALLY TWO WEEKS FROM NOW.

NEXT MEETING IS TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. WELL, THEN WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE TABLE TO POSTPONE ON THE SPECIAL CALL JULY 26, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING, POSTPONE ITEMS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 FOR TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 9, 2007. MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ.

MCCRACKEN: AND ONE THING I'D LIKE -- WE'RE GOING TO NEED BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING IS SOME -- WE'RE STARTING TO SEE A NEW PHENOMENON EMERGE, OR AT LEAST IT SEEMS NEW TO ME, THAT THE DIVISION OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE RESULTING IN AN ALTERNATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BEING FORMED. WE'VE SEEN THIS ON A COUPLE OCCASIONS, INCLUDING HERE, AND I THINK THAT RAISES REAL QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM AFTER THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN IS APPROVED. AND SO WE HAVE I THINK HAD A -- MY IMPRESSION A FAIRLY STABLE SYSTEM FOR A LONG TIME IN WHICH, YOU KNOW, WE HAD A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND PEOPLE IN THEIR INTERNAL DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKED TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES WITHIN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. NOW WE'RE SEEING RECENTLY ON SEVERAL ZONING CASES IS JUST THAT DIVISION IS EXPRESSED BY FORMING AN ALTERNATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND I THINK WE NEED SOME GUIDANCE FROM STAFF FOR WHAT THAT MEANS FOR A LOT OF THINGS THAT FLOW IN OUR PLANNING PROCESSES, FROM WHO IS THE RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, FOR THINGS LIKE NOTICE AND FOR LIKE WHO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM IS, THINGS LIKE THAT.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ?

MARTINEZ: MAYOR, I JUST WANT TO -- I AGREE WITH THOSE SENTIMENTS BECAUSE I MET WITH THE RESPONSIBLE GROWTH GROUP AND I THINK THEY HAVE SOME VALID

CONCERNS, BUT IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU GET INTO A SITUATION OF, WELL, THIS PERSON IS SAYING THIS AND THE OTHER PERSON IS SAYING IT DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY, AND WE NEED A MEASURE OF CHECKS AND BALANCES. I THINK THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE IN THE CUE FOR A PLANNING PROCESS NEED TO TAKE NOTE THAT IF YOUR INTERNAL PROCESSES AS A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AREN'T IN LINE, NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT, NOT FOUR MONTHS AFTER, SIX MONTHS AFTER WE'VE STARTED PLANNING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO I AM SUPPORTIVE OF ANOTHER TWO-WEEK DELAY BUT AT SOME POINT THIS COUNCIL HAS TO MAKE THESE POLICY DECISIONS AS FOR HOW WE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN. SO I HOPE THIS TWO WEEKS WILL GIVE YOU THE TIME YOU NEED TO REVIEW THIS AND MAKE PROPOSALS FOR ANY AMENDMENT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER. FURTHER -- WE HAVE A MOTION, A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO POSTPONE THESE FOUR ITEMS TWO WEEKS TO OUR NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WILL BE AUGUST 9, 2007. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR POLICE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION TO POSTPONE PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. WITH THAT I'LL ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, CALL BACK TO ORDER THE ORIGINAL MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, RECOGNIZING THAT IT'S NOW 5:35, TIME FOR OUR BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. AND WHILE WE ARE BREAKING FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, WE MAY BE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.01 TO TAKE UP AGENDA ITEM NO. 91, DISCUSSING LEGAL ITEMS CONCERNING THE SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER, WHILE IN CLOSED SESSION. SO TECHNICALLY WE'RE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION.

STAY TUNED FOR LIVE MUSIC. (CLOSED SESSION)

WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC GIG AT THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING. WE HAVE A SPECIAL SHOW TODAY BECAUSE JOINING US THIS EVENING IS WE ARE THE CHORUS. THIS UNIQUE MUSICAL GROUP IS MADE UP OF YOUNG ADULTS WITH ABILITIES AS WELL AS THEIR SINGING CHORUS. IT'S BEEN ADOPTED AS A CHORUS OF RESIDENTS BY THE AUSTIN LYRIC OPERA WHERE IT PRACTICES WEEKLY AND PERFORMS BIENNIAL CONCERTS. IT'S ALSO PERFORMED FOR THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, AUSTIN COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES, THE HOLIDAY SERIES AT THE TEXAS CAPITAL, THE TRAIL OF LIGHTS, VARIOUS SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS AND A NUMBER OF RETIREMENT HOMES THROUGHOUT AUSTIN. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING WE ARE THE CHORUS.

[INAUDIBLE] COMPLETED OUR YEAR. WE ACTUALLY START OUT IN SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR, AND GO FORWARD FROM THERE, AND THEN TAKE A LITTLE BREAK USUALLY IN THE SUMMER. THE PERFORMANCE THAT WE DID IN THE SPRING AND WE DID TWO PERFORMANCES OF IT WERE THE SONGS FROM THE SOUND OF MUSIC. AND SO TODAY WE'RE GOING TO DO A SHORT MEDICALLY OF THOSE SONGS ENDING WITH CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN, WHICH I FEEL IS VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THIS GROUP WHO HAS ACHIEVED SO MUCH. MOST OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HERE WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE A WONDERFUL ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THEIR PERFORMANCE THIS AFTERNOON. ♪ (PIANO MUSIC) ♪ [♪ SINGING ♪] THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC ♪ [♪ SINGING ♪] THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC, MY HEART WANTS TO SING EVERY SONG IT HEARS. [♪ SINGING ♪] ♪ DOE, A DEER, A FEMALE DEER, FA, A LONG, LONG WAY TO RUN. SEW, A NEEDLE PULLING A THREAD. LA, A NOTE TO FOLLOW SEW, TEA A DRINK WITH JAM AND BREAD, AND THAT WILL BRING US BACK TO DOE. [♪ SINGING ♪] [♪ SINGING ♪] RAIN DROPS A ROSES. [♪ SINGING ♪] THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS. ♪ [♪ SINGING ♪] THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS. WHEN THE FROST BITES, WHEN THE BEE STINGS. ♪ [♪ SINGING ♪] ADELVEISS, ADELVEISS,. [♪ SINGING ♪] ADELVEISS,

ADEVVEISS,. [¶ SINGING ¶] (PIANO PLAYING)

CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN, SEARCH HIGH AND LOW, FOLLOW EVERY HIGHWAY, EVERY PATH YOU KNOW. CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN, FORD EVERY STREAM, FOLLOW EVERY RAINBOW, TILL YOU FIND YOUR DREAM. [¶ SINGING ¶] A DREAM THAT WILL BRING ALL THE LOVE YOU CAN GIVE, EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE, FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE. [¶ SINGING ¶] CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN, FORD EVERY STREAM, FOLLOW EVERY RAINBOW, TILL YOU FIND YOUR DREAM. ¶ [¶ SINGING ¶] ¶ [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: SO TELL US, WHERE CAN WE HEAR THE CHORUS NEXT?

MY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INVITED US TO SING AT THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, WHICH IS THE GRACEY WOODS ASSOCIATION, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE AUGUST THE 7TH UP AT CALFIELD AND -- WHAT'S THE OTHER? IT'S GRACEY WOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARK, AND SO WE'RE PERFORMING FOR THAT GROUP. WE REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH PLANNED BEYOND THAT. WE'RE KIND OF IN BETWEEN WITH OUR SUMMER BREAK AND WILL HAVE A SUMMER SESSION BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF TENTATIVE THINGS ON THE SESSION, A RETIREMENT CENTER, AGAIN, AT THE TRAIL OF LIGHTS, THE CAPITAL ROTUNDA AND THOSE TYPES OF THINGS FOR OUR HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE.

MAYOR WYNN: AND WHAT ABOUT THE CHORUS ON THE AUSTIN LYRIC OPERA'S WEB SITE?

I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING. WE DON'T HAVE OUR OWN WEB SITE AND I'M NOT AWARE IF THEY PUBLISH ANYTHING ON THEIR WEB SITE.

MAYOR WYNN: WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU. WE HAVE AN OFFICIAL CITY PROCLAMATION THAT READS, BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ARTISTS FURTHER OUR STATUS AS THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. THEREFORE, I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN TEXAS

DECLARE TODAY JULY 26, 2007 AS WE ARE THE CHORUS DAY
IN AUSTIN AND ASK ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN
CONGRATULATING YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: OKAY. AND SO WHILE THE CHORUS AND THE
EQUIPMENT AND EVERYTHING BREAKS DOWN ON THAT SIDE
OF THE ROOM WE'LL USE THIS PODIUM TONIGHT TO GIVE
OUR WEEKLY PROCLAMATIONS. THIS IS WHERE WE SAY
THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS, TRY TO PROMOTE EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. SO FOLKS CAN BE MORE
AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON. THE FIRST PROCLAMATION IS
REGARDING ADA COMMEMORATIVE MONTH. THIS IS THE
AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT THAT WAS SIGNED -- I SHOULD
KNOW THIS, 1990. SOUND RIGHT? BACK IN 1990. SO I'LL READ
THE PROCLAMATION, AND PART OF THIS COMMEMORATIVE
MONTH IN THE PROCLAMATION IS THEN WE WILL HAND OUT
AWARDS TO BUSINESSES AROUND AUSTIN WHO HAVE DONE
A REMARKABLE JOB THIS YEAR IN INCREASING THEIR
ACCESSIBILITY, A VERY IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO DO
HERE IN AUSTIN. SO I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND
THEN WE'LL GO THROUGH WITH THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
PROCLAMATION READS BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE
MONTH OF JULY IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL FOR ALL
CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES BECAUSE IT MARKS THE
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES ACT IN 1990. WE RECOGNIZE THAT
CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES HAVE A RIGHT TO FULL
PARTICIPATION IN THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES OF OUR CITY AND THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE A
GREAT DEAL TO OFFER IN RETURN, AND WHEREAS THE CITY
OF AUSTIN HAS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO FULL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
ACT, THUS OFFERING MORE OPPORTUNITIES AND
ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE IN OUR
COMMUNITY. SO NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, AM PLEASED TO JOIN THE
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN
HONK LOCAL BUSINESSES TO THE SPIRIT OF ADA AND DO
HEREBY PROCLAIM THIS MONTH, JULY 27, AS THE ADA'S
17TH ANNIVERSARY AND AUSTIN ACCESS AWARDS
CELEBRATION. PLEASE JOIN ME CONGRATULATING --
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES. [APPLAUSE]

I'D LIKE TO THANK MAYOR WYNN FOR THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND FOR HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR AUSTINITES WITH DISABILITIES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEND A BIG THANK-YOU OUT TO MY ADA ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONER JESUS LARDISIMO, COMMISSIONER NORMAN KIKI, WILL BROWN AND BILL HOLLOWAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. THESE AWARDS COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU. IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT THE CITY WISHES TO RECOGNIZE THESE TEN BUSINESSES FOR THEIR WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS CUSTOMERS WITH DISABILITIES AND FOR THEIR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS ACCESSIBILITY LAWS. WE RECOGNIZE THESE BUSINESSES FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO UPHOLDING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE ADA, WHICH WE HAVE TO REGARD AS OUR NATION'S SECOND INDEPENDENCE DAY. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL THE NAMES. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAMES PLEASE COME DOWN TO RECEIVE YOUR CERTIFICATE AND GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE MAYOR, OF COURSE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO A SMALL RECEPTION AT THE END OF THIS PROCLAMATION WHICH WILL BE IN THE BOARD'S COMMISSION'S ROOM, WHICH IS RIGHT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF WHERE WE ARE STANDING RIGHT NOW. HERE WE GO. RICHARD WHITE, ALAMO DRAFT HOUSE, SOUTH LAMAR. [APPLAUSE]

YEA. DR. NORMAN SHENZIN AND BILL STITCH, AUSTIN REGIONAL CLINIC. [APPLAUSE] RICHARD DOMS AND RYAN QUINN, GALAXY HIGHLAND 10 THEATER. [APPLAUSE] KATHERINE HART OF JERRY'S ARTERAMA. YEAH. [APPLAUSE] AWESOME. SARA GUTIERREZ OF LA SALSA RESTAURANT. [APPLAUSE] HART JOAN CHAPMAN, REI NORTH LAMAR. [APPLAUSE] KEVIN PREWIT, ARBOR REGAL CINEMA. [APPLAUSE]

ANDY DAVENPORT, WALGREEN'S SOUTH LAMAR. [APPLAUSE] AND ALLEN MARTINDALE OF WAL-MART, PARMER LANE.

[APPLAUSE] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

OH. ACADEMY, WILLIAM CANON, MATT COOPER, WHO I BELIEVE IS -- [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: AGAIN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONSOLIDATING THE COMMITTEE -- THE SELECTION COMMITTEE BUT ALSO OUR BUSINESSES HERE AT AUSTIN WHO ARE HELPING WITH ACCESSIBILITY THROUGHOUT OUR CITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND INTRODUCE YOU AND YOU CAN SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

OKAY. FOLKS, IF I CAN HAVE YOUR ATTENTION?

MAYOR WYNN: GET GAIL TO QUIET DOWN ALL OF OUR AWARD WINNERS. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. THE SECOND PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING AUSTIN'S FIRST TECHNICALLY GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD. I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND VICTORIA, THE DIRECTOR OF OUR WATERSHED PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL SAY A FEW MORE WORDS AND WE MIGHT HEAR FROM PENNY OR ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS ABOUT THEIR PROGRAM. SO THE PROCLAMATION READS, AUSTIN'S CREEKS, LAKES AND SPRINGS CONNECT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT AND ARE AMONG OUR CITY'S GREATEST ASSETS AND WHEREAS THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROGRAM LAUNCHED ITS GREEN NEIGHBOR PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS AND NEIGHBORHOODS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS AND WHEREAS THE COPPERFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD SPONSORED A CREEK CLEANUP, A TREE PLANNING A STORM DRAIN MARKING EVENT, HAD WATER QUALITY SPEAKERS AT NEIGHBORHOODS, PASSED OUT INFORMATION PACKETS TO RESIDENTS AND PROVIDED PHOTOS AND A HISTORY OF WALNUT CREEK AND WHEREAS WE'RE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE COPPERFIELD RESIDENTS FOR THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND PROTECT AUSTIN'S QUALITY OF LIFE. THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE COPPERFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD AS AUSTIN'S

FIRST GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE JOIN ME IN
CONGRATULATING THIS FINE SET OF AUSTIN NEIGHBORS.
[APPLAUSE]

A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO THE WATERSHED PROTECTION
DEPARTMENT CREATED A NEW PROGRAM CALLED THE
GREEN NEIGHBOR THE MAIN COMPONENT IS A BOOKLET
CALLED THE CLEAN CREEK CHALLENGE WHICH FOCUSES ON
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION. IT OFFERS PRACTICAL
ADVICE ON SUCH TOPICS AS THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND
WAY TO CLEAN PAINTBRUSHES, WHERE TO WASH CARS AND
WHEN TO FERTILIZE. THE PROGRAM HAS AN OPTIONAL
SCORING SYSTEM TO REWARD THOSE WHO PRACTICE
EARTH--WISE BEHAVIOR. INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILY CAN
QUALIFY AS GREEN NEIGHBORS WHILE NEIGHBORHOODS
AND ORGANIZATIONS CAN BECOME GREEN
NEIGHBORHOODS. TO DATE WE HAVE 170 GREEN
NEIGHBORS, BUT WE'D LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE
COPPERFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD IS AUSTIN CERTIFIED'S
GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ALICE
PENNEY THESE NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS EMBODY THE
ESSENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND
COMMUNITY GIVING, FROM CREEK CLEANUP, MARKING
EVENTS AND TREE PLANTING AND EDUCATIONAL
OUTREACH, THESE CITIZENS ARE HELPING TO PROTECT
OUR WATER, NOT ONLY FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR
CHILDREN BUT ALSO FOR OUR CHILDREN. YOU CAN LEARN
MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM, AND TO READ ABOUT THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS AT WWW.CITY OF AUSTIN.ORG/CLEAN
NEIGHBOR. WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE LADY
WHO IS INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN, THE VERY
DEDICATED COPPERFIELD RESIDENT, ALICE PENNEY.
[CHEERING] [APPLAUSE]

ABOUT A YEAR AGO WE NEIGHBORS IN COPPERFIELD
ADOPTED OUR GREENBELT BECAUSE WE WANTED TO MAKE
SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND IN THAT TIME, IN A YEAR WE'VE
LOGGED OVER 450 VOLUNTEER HOURS AND REMOVED OVER
1500 POUNDS OF TRASH FROM OUR GREENBELT. OUR
STORM DRAINS FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, IN FACT,
MOST NEIGHBORHOODS IN AUSTIN ACTUALLY DRAIN INTO
THE CREEKS AND PONDS OF OUR CITY AND WHAT WE
NEEDED TO DO WAS GET MESSAGE OUT TO OUR

NEIGHBORHOOD TO STOP THE POLLUTION AT ITS SOURCE AND THAT'S WHY WE JOINED WITH WATERSHED TO BECOME A GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE PASSED THESE BOOKLETS OUT THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN HOPES THAT IT WILL EDUCATE THEM AND WE CAN STOP THE POLLUTION AT ITS SOURCE. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS. WE'VE HAD VOLUNTEERS FROM AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATIONS FROM PHI BETA KAPPA AND ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS, WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT OWL THE VOLUNTEERS AND FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN STAFF. I DON'T WANT TO FORGET ANYBODY SO I'LL SAY WATERSHED DEPARTMENT, PARKS DEPARTMENT AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR HAULING THAT 1500 POUNDS OUT OF THERE. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE THE FIRST GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: MY LAST PROCLAMATION BEFORE I TURN THE PODIUM OVER TO COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ IS ANOTHER PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY HERE, AND I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND DOROTHY HYDE MARTIN WILL THEN TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND PROBABLY INTRODUCE HER COHORTS. THE PROCLAMATION READS: THE LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS A SCHOOL WITH OPTIONAL HOMEWORK, NO DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS, NO EXAMS, CLASSES FULL OF STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO BE THERE. CLASSES ARE TAUGHT BY WELL-QUALIFIED TEACHERS WHO TEACH FOR PLEASURE AND A SMALL HONORARIUM, AND CLASSES VARY FROM SEMESTER TO SEMESTER AND INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS TEXAS HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, GENEALOGY, PHOTOGRAPHY, ART, AND VARIOUS FITNESS AND CRAFT COURSES AND IT OWES ITS LONGEVITY TO A CADRE OF VOLUNTEERS, WILLING INSTRUCTORS, COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY AN AUDIENCE OF OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING THEIR INTELLECTUAL HORIZONS. THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 27, 2007 AS THE LIFETIME UNIVERSITY HERE IN AUSTIN, JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING DOOR THY HYDE MARTIN.

DOROTHY?

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR. I'M DOROTHY MARTIN AND I'M THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU MARGE HARRINGTON, WHO IS OUR PUBLICITY COORDINATOR AND TWO OF OUR PAST DIRECTOR, RICHARD ROBERTSON. COULD YOU TELL US YOUR TERM?

1999-2004.

JIM MILLER?

2004 TO 2007.

THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE WE'RE PLEASED TO OFFER 68 CLASSES FOR THE FALL 2007 SCHEDULE. PEOPLE OVER THE AGES OF 50 YEARS MAY REGISTER FOR AS MANY CLASSES AS THEY CARE TO TAKE AT \$15 PER CLASS IN SITES LOCATED ALL OVER THE CITY. THE COURSE SCHEDULES LISTING ALL OF THE CLASSES BEING OFFERED ARE IN YOUR NEAREST BRANCH LIBRARY. ASK THE PERSON IN CHARGE FOR THE MELON COLORED BOOKLET. IN THAT YOU WILL FIND ALL OF THE 68 CLASSES AVAILABLE, THE NAMES OF THE INSTRUCTORS, THE HOURS OF THE CLASSES AND THEIR LOCATIONS. ALSO A REGISTRATION FORM IS PROVIDED. IT MUST BE SIGNED AND MAILED ALONG WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR THE CLASS OR CLASSES BEING TAKEN. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAILING ARE IN A SHADED AREA INSIDE THE SCHEDULE. MAIL TO THE LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE AT OUR OFFICES ON THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, 3400 NORTH IH-35, AUSTIN, 78705. FOR MORE INFORMATION INTERESTED PERSONS MAY CALL THE LIFETIME LEARNING OFFICE AT 486-1139. THAT'S 486-1139, OR GO TO YOUR NEAREST LIBRARY BRANCH. CLASSES LAST FOR SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 2007. THERE ARE NO EVENING OR WEEKEND CLASSES AND MAJOR HOLIDAYS ARE AVOIDED. SOME EXAMPLES OF THE VARIETY OF CLASSES WHICH YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD OF SOME OF THEM, HOW TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL INVESTOR, GREAT DECISIONS IN FOREIGN POLICY 2007, THE ART OF BOBBIN

LACE, BRIDGES, HOW TO DANCE THE BOSANOVA, GERMAN, PORTUGUESE, FRENCH, SCRAPBOOKING, THE HISTORY OF AUSTIN, AND YOGA ARE JUST SOME OF THE 68 CLASSES BEING OFFERED THIS FALL. SO COME ALONE, BRING A SPOUSE, NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND AND LEARN MORE ABOUT SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FROM OUR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS OR EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS THEY'RE TEACHING AND FOR \$15 PER CLASS YOU WILL SEE WHY THE LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE IS THE BEST BARGAIN IN TOWN. THANK YOU AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: AND BY THE WAY, I WAS JUST TOLD THEY DON'T I.D., SO FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T QUITE 50 YET. I'D LIKE TO TURN THE PODIUM OVER TO COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE MARTINEZ.

MARTINEZ: THANK YOU, MAYOR. IF I COULD HAVE THE DAY LABOR ADVISORY GROUP COME UP HERE. WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY IS I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT DURING PROCLAMATIONS TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK SOME FOLKS WHO PUT IN A LOT OF HARD WORK. AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, WE FINALLY OPENED UP OUR SECOND DAY LABOR SITE, AND IT WASN'T AN EASY DECISION. IT WASN'T AN EASY PROCESS TO GO THROUGH, BUT THESE FOLKS STUCK WITH THE PROCESS. THEY DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING A CRITICAL SERVICE TO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS HERE IN AUSTIN, AND NOT ONLY TO THE RESIDENTS AS LABORERS BUT TO OUR CONTRACTING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY WHO USE THIS SERVICE ON A DAILY BASIS. SO WE'RE ABLE TO OPEN UP OUR SECOND DAY LABOR SITE IN SOUTH AUSTIN. FROM ALL INDICATIONS THINGS ARE GOING WELL. THE SITE IS UP AND RUNNING, AND I JUST WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE GROUP. SO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS READ ONE OF THE CERTIFICATES AND THEN I'M GOING TO INDIVIDUALLY NAME THE MEMBERS THAT SERVED AND RECOGNIZE THE ONES THAT ARE HERE, AND I'LL ASK THE CHAIRMAN TO SAY A FEW WORDS. THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR DEDICATED COMMITMENT TO FULFILLING THE CHARGES OF THE DAY LABOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOR DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN DAY LABOR PROGRAM. WE RECOGNIZE CHAIRMAN PAUL

SHER. HE'S DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. THE CERTIFICATE IS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, IN THE YEAR 2007, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, MAYOR WILL WYNN, MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY AND ALL THE OTHERS. ALL THE CERTIFICATES READ THE SAME BUT I WANT TO CALL OUT THE NAME OF THE MEMBERS BECAUSE WE HAVE CERTIFICATES FOR EACH ONE OF THEM. THE COACH FAIR WAS EMILY TIM WITH WORKERS DEFENSE PROJECT, BRUCE BANNER WITH EDUCATION AUSTIN, KIM BETTER THAN SEND WITH RIDGE TOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, PEDRO CABARRERO WITH THE DAY LABORERS GROUP, SAINT JOHN'S NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AUSTIN COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANTS FAIRS, JENNIFER LONG, AND LORI, MY NEIGHBOR, WITH THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL. SO WE WANT TO CONSOLIDATE YOU AND ASK CHAIRMAN PAUL SCHERR TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU BET. [APPLAUSE]

I'M IMMENSELY PROUD OF THE REPORT THAT WE DELIVERED AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH DAY LABOR IN THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN, BECAUSE IT REFLECTS SO MANY GOOD THINGS. FIRST, THE CITY COUNCIL DESERVES ALL THE COMMENDATION IN THE WORLD BECAUSE THEY HAD THE COURAGE TO TAKE ON THE ISSUE AND NOT LIKE SO MANY OTHER CITY COUNCILS IN THE COUNTRY, KNUCKLE UNDER TO BIGOTRY OR TO A REALLY SHALLOW SENSE OF NATIONALISM. THEY LOOK TO WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN, WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN AND THEY EMPOWERED US TO DO A GOOD JOB ON THAT. AND THEN I GOT A COMMITTEE THAT GAVE OF THEMSELVES SO GENEROUSLY, WITH SO MUCH COMPASSION, OPENNESS AND INTELLIGENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, KIM NOT ONLY TOOK ON THE COMMITTEE BUT THE PRESIDENCY OF HER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SIMULTANEOUSLY. LORI HAS BEEN NOT ONLY A NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVIST BUT AN ACTIVIST FOR THE HOMELESS FOR MANY YEARS. AND THEN THE CITY STAFF AGAIN ALSO DESERVES ALL THE CREDIT IN THE WORLD.

FIRST, THEY WORKED EXTREMELY HARD AND GOT APPRECIATION FOR THE HEAVY WORKLOAD THAT THEY CARRY. AND THEN MORE SO, FRANKLY, WE HAVE SOME THINGS TO SAY THAT WERE CRITICAL. WE HAD SOME OBJECTIONS TO PROCEDURES THEY HAD, AND THEY ALWAYS PUT THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN BEFORE THEIR OWN PERSONAL CONCERNS AND WERE OPEN-MINDED AND FAIR AND EXHIBITED A SUPERB ATTITUDE OF LET'S DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR THE CITY, BECAUSE WE CHANGED SEVERAL OF THEIR PLANS. I THINK IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT VERY WELL FOR THE CITY, FOR THE CONTRACTORS, FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND FOR THE WORKERS, AND I'D JUST LIKE TO END UP BY SAYING THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONLY A START, AND SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE COUNCIL AND ALL INVOLVED WITH THIS TO TRY AND DEVELOP AUTHORITY DOWN TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THESE AFFAIRS AND HAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES INVOLVED WITH THE OPERATION OF THE CENTERS AND KEEP A DIALOGUE GOING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE THAT BUILD THE CITY, THAT DO SO MANY SIGNIFICANT THINGS FOR AUSTIN THAT DESERVE A FAIR LIVING IN RETURN, AND ALSO THE CONTRACTORS WHO ARE ALSO MAKING AN IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION AND DESERVE RESPECT, CONSIDERATION AND HELP FROM THE CITY. SO AGAIN, LET ME SALUTE ALL THAT'S INVOLVED, BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED WITH A PROJECT THAT I THOUGHT HAS A MORE POSITIVE IMPACT, AND THE MOST POSITIVE IMPACT I THINK STARTS WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO NOW HAVE MUTUAL RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER AND ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING TOGETHER. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL ON ALL OF US AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: REAL QUICKLY, PAUL WAS CORRECT IN POINTING OUT THAT EFFORTS OF STAFF -- AND WE HAVE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, BERT LEMBRERAS HERE AND I'D LIKE TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER. PAUL HIT IT RIGHT ON THE HEAD WHEN HE SAID THIS REALLY WAS A GRASS ROOTS AND A COMMUNITY EFFORT. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF

JOINING THE GROUP WHEN I FIRST STARTED WITH THE CITY LAST AUGUST, AND IT WAS A VERY REWARDING PROJECT IN THE SENSE THAT NOT ONLY DID ALL THE COMMUNITY AND THE FOLKS THAT REPRESENTED THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER. EVERYBODY HAD A COMMON GOAL AND THAT WAS TO PROVIDE A FACILITY FOR THE WORKERS AND THE CONTRACTORS. THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES, AS PAUL MENTIONED, CIRCLING AROUND THIS, BUT EVERYBODY HAD A PARTICULAR VISION AND A GOAL AND EVERYBODY STUCK TO IT. STAFF DID A TREMENDOUS JOB, THE COMMITTEE DID A TREMENDOUS JOB. THE COMMUNITY INPUT THAT WE GOT WAS VERY CRITICAL TO THE PROCESS AND ABOVE ALL THE CITY COUNCIL, AS PAUL SAID, YOU KNOW, TOOK A REAL STRONG POSITION, AND SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS. SO AGAIN, I WOULD JUST THANK EVERYONE THAT WAS INVOLVED AS WELL, BECAUSE IT'S TRULY BEEN SOMETHING THAT, AS PAUL MENTIONED, IS JUST A BEGINNING AND THERE'S A LOT MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

AND LASTLY, ONE THING THAT YOU ALWAYS LEARN IN CITY COUNCIL, IT'S SOMETHING THAT A PREVIOUS MAYOR USED TO ALWAYS SAY, IS DON'T EVER LET PERFECTION BE THE ENEMY OF GOOD. WE MAY NOT HAVE COME OUT WITH THE PERFECT SITE OR THE PERFECT PROCESS, BUT IT'S GOOD AND IT'S PROVIDING A SERVICE. SO KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN YOU WORK ON THINGS AND YOU COMMIT YOUR HEART TO THIS COMMUNITY, DON'T LET PERFECTION KEEP YOU FROM DOING WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S GOOD. SO I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN:

IT'S MY PLEASURE TONIGHT TO READ A PROCLAMATION THAT HONORS OUR VETERANS, AND THE SPECIFIC EVENT COMMEMORATES A DISPLAY THAT WILL BE IN OUR AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER, CITIZEN SAWYER THERE, DIRECTOR OF OUR HISTORY CENTER. THERE WILL BE A 6 MONTH EXHIBIT. IT'S ALREADY STARTED, AND YOU CAN GO VIEW THAT EXHIBIT THROUGH NEXT JANUARY. AND I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT IF YOU'RE A TRAVIS COUNTY VETERAN YOU CAN GO DOWN THERE AND FIND A FORM TO FILL OUT TO GET YOUR NAME ON THEIR LIST, AND I STILL NEED TO DO THAT. SO WE

DID THE OFFICIAL OPENING LAST SATURDAY DOWN AT THE HISTORY CENTER AND ACTUALLY READ A SIMILAR PROCLAMATION. IT MAY EVEN BE EXACTLY THE SAME, LAST SATURDAY TO OPEN THIS FACILITY. I WANT TO THANK THE TEJANOS IN ACTION FOR THEIR ROLE IN THIS. THEY'VE BEEN ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING VETERANS FOR A LONG TIME. I REMEMBER LAST YEAR WE DID AN EVENT ON VETERANS DAY AND WE DEDICATED THESE FLAGS YOU SEE BEHIND YOU, THAT UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE FLAGS OF ALL THE SERVICES, AND IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO DONATE THAT BLUE ONE THERE, WHICH IS A NAVY FLAG. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN I WAS DOWN THERE, TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE EVENT, THAT A VERY BIG EFFORT WAS MADE TO BE ALL-INCLUSIVE, INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THE SERVICES, ALL ETHNIC GROUPS, ALL RELIGIONS. WE READ 4 OR 5 DIFFERENT PRAYERS, AND IT WAS SO DIVERSE WE EVEN INCLUDED MARINES IN THE GROUP. HEY. SO THE PROCLAMATION READS AS FOLLOWS. BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICES IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY IN THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR SERVICE IS WORTHY OF RECOGNITION, AND WHEREAS ARCHIVAL RECORDS REPRESENTING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO CALL THE TRAVIS COUNTY REGION THEIR HOME, HAVE BEEN GATHERED BY INDIVIDUALS, VETERANS GROUPS AND THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR DISPLAY AT THE HISTORY CENTER, AND WHEREAS WE ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR OUR HISTORY BY AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS BY VISITING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE EXHIBIT. NOW, THEREFORE, I WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY THROUGH DECEMBER OF 2007 AS THE AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE EXHIBIT AT THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

LEFFINGWELL: SO DAN, AS THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

YES. I'M DAN MARIANO, AND I AM THE COMMANDER FOR THE TEJANOS IN ACTION. I ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE

AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS EXHIBIT COMMITTEE. SOMEHOW I WAS ELECTED TO DO THAT. SO -- I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. I ALSO HAVE A FEW WORDS TO SAY ABOUT VETERANS. YOU KNOW, WAR -- THIS EXHIBIT DOES NOT GLORIFY WAR. WARS HAVE NEVER BEEN GLORIFIED AND THEY'VE NEVER BEEN POPULAR. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE AGREE WITH OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, WE MUST ALWAYS SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. THIS EXHIBIT IS NOW OPEN. IT TOOK US SEVEN MONTHS. SOMEBODY HAD THIS IDEA SEVEN MONTHS AGO ABOUT DOING SOMETHING FOR THE AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS, WHICH WE BELIEVE THAT NOBODY HAS EVER DONE BEFORE, SO WE GOT TOGETHER AND KICKED AROUND A FEW IDEAS AND THEN WE APPROACHED THE HISTORY CENTER WITH MS. SOY SUE SOY, AND SHE THOUGHT IT WAS ALSO A GRAND IDEA. THE EVENT STARTED OUT WITH MEETINGS AND IT WAS A SEVEN MONTH LONG ORDEAL OF LOVE. WE HAD DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE THE VETERANS, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, THE G.I. FORUM, THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS, THE TEXAS WOMEN'S VETERANS AND THEY ALL PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT. IT IS NOW OPEN AND WE'RE PROUD TO SAY IT'S UP AND RUNNING. IT'S A TREMENDOUS EXHIBIT. STEVE ISN'T HERE TODAY BUT WE WANTED TO THANK STEVE FOR THE EFFORT THAT HE PUT INTO PUTTING THIS EVENT TOGETHER. ANYWAY, THE -- I'LL LET SUE TELL YOU ABOUT THE HOURS OF THE HISTORY CENTER. SUE?

MY NAME IS SUE SOY. I'M THE CITY ARCHIVIST, AND THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 9:00 AT NIGHT. WE'RE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY BUT OPEN ON SATURDAY FROM 10:00 UNTIL 6:00 AND SUNDAY FROM NOON TO 6:00 AND WE INVITE YOU ALL TO COME TO SEE THE FABULOUS EXHIBIT THAT I'VE HAD SO MUCH HELP WITH, REALLY EXCELLENT HELP WITH, AND WE WILL OPEN OUR ARMS TO YOU. WE WANT ALL OF OUR VETERANS TO FILL OUT BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SHEET SO THAT THEY TOO CAN BECOME PART OF THE AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS' RECORD FOR THE ARCHIVES. [APPLAUSE]

LEFFINGWELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUSAN. MOSES,

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME UP AND -- OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M DAVID HASSLE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS EXHIBIT COMMITTEE AND AS HAS BEEN STATED HERE BEFORE, WE HAD THE CEREMONY TO OPEN THE EXHIBIT LAST SATURDAY, AND IN THE COURSE OF DOING A COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS I WAS A LITTLE REMISS, WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS CORRECT THE RECORD FOR THE SECOND TIME, IF I MAY. THANK YOU. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS JUST SAY A FEW KIND WORDS AND GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE CONCERNING THE STAFF AT THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER. YOU ALREADY MET MRS. SOY. SHE'S THE MANAGER OF THE HISTORY CENTER THERE. THERE WERE SOME OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECT AS WELL AND I'D LIKE TO MENTION THEIR NAMES AND THE PERSON THAT COMES TO MIND HERE IS STEVE SWOALTER. HE'S AN ARCHIVIST WITH THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER, MR. MIKE MILLER, WHO IS THE ASSISTANT MANAGER THERE AT THE HISTORY CENTER. HE WAS VERY HELPFUL TO US. MRS. RUTH BAKRE, ANOTHER ARCHIVIST AT THE HISTORY CENTER. MR. BEN WILLOCK, WHO IS A PHOTO ARCHIVIST, SPECIAL FIELD HE'S INVOLVED IN. MRS. GRACE MCBAY, WHO IS A PHOTO TECHNICIAN, MRS. PATRICIA PRAGA WHO DID THE PRESS RELEASE FOR -- SHE DID SEVERAL PRESS RELEASES FOR THIS PROJECT. MRS. IRENE GONZALES AND OTHERS WHO WORK AT THE HISTORY CENTER WHO RECEIVED BOXES THAT WERE DONATED AND INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS AND HELPED THE OTHERS IN THE CENTER THERE TO SORT THESE OUT AND SELECT THOSE PICTURES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEPICTED, OR ARE DEPICTED, I SHOULD SAY, AT THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER WITH THIS VETERANS EXHIBIT. THE STAFF THERE WAS WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH. THEY DID A TERRIFIC JOB, AND I WISH THE MAYOR AND THE OTHERS WERE STILL HERE TO HEAR THIS, BUT -- AND I'M SURE THEY ALREADY KNOW SOME OF THE STAFF THERE BUT THEY SHOULD BE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THIS STAFF AT THIS HISTORY CENTER HAS DONE WITH THIS EXHIBIT. WE'RE TRULY INDEBTED TO THEM FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK. ALSO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS MENTION THE NAMES OF THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEES, JUST SO WE'LL HAVE THEM ON RECORD AS

WELL. MR. ARRELLANO WAS ON THE COMMITTEE. HE LEFT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. DID A TERRIFIC JOB. WE RECOGNIZED HIM LAST SATURDAY. ALSO MR. JOE RAMOS, HE'S WITH THE CATHOLIC WORK VETERANS OF AUSTIN. MR. POPE, VETERANS OFFICER, HERE WITH US. MRS. DAWN MATA CRANE, WHO IS THE CURRENT LEADER FOR THE TEXAS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION. DR. MARTHA MONTH, WHO IS WITH TEJANOS IN ACTION. MIKE LONDON, WHO IS WITH THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS. ROW HELL I DON'T RICE, WHO IS THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS. MR. CASEY CORONA, WHO IS WITH THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS AND MYSELF, MR. DAVID HASSLE WITH TEJANOS IN ACTION. WE ALSO HAD A COUPLE VOLUNTEERS THAT CAME AND JOINED US IN THE COURSE OF DOING OUR WORK AND THERE WAS ONE LADY WHO WORKED REAL HARD AND I WANT TO MENTION HER. HER NAME IS KAREN QEEBY. SHE'S WITH THE KLRU HERE IN TOWN. THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS RECOGNIZE TWO OF OUR MEMBERS FOR TEJANOS IN ACTION, FRANK MENDEZ AND ARTURO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

LEFFINGWELL: THANK YOU, AND WE DO APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DO AND I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING AROUND TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF VETERANS AND THAT KIND OF ACTION JUST CAN'T BE REPLACED. SO THANKS AGAIN. DOES ANYONE ELSE WANT TO SAY A WORD? OKAY.

I WANT TO SAY JUST ONE THING. ERRONEOUSLY IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING WAS AN ARTICLE THAT THIS GROUP, TEJANOS IN ACTION, WAS INVOLVED AGAINST A POLICY IN EAST AUSTIN IN THE GOVALLE CENTER. TEJANOS IN ACTION IS NOT A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE. WE DON'T GET INVOLVED IN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, BUSINESS. WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION FOR VETERANS. THAT STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER TODAY IS NOT CORRECT, WHEN IT INVOLVES TEJANOS IN ACTION, AND I WANT ALL OF THE CITY TO KNOW THAT THIS GROUP IS A 501 C. WE ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE, AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT WE GET INVOLVED IN THAT IS NOT VETERAN-RELATED. SO PLEASE, DON'T TAKE THAT AS A FACT. IT IS NOT A FACT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

LEFFINGWELL: LET'S TAKE A COUPLE PICTURES.

MAYOR WYNN: THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT I'LL CALL BACK TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. WE TECHNICALLY NEVER WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION, TAKE UP NUMBER 591. WE'LL TAKE THAT UP LATER THIS EVENING AFTER PUBLIC BUSINESS. WE HAVE ONE SORT OF POTENTIALLY LENGTHY DISCUSSION ITEM, THAT BEING NO. 23 WITH A HANDFUL OF FOLKS HERE BUT WE ALSO HAVE FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTED WITH NO SPEAKER SIGNED UP SO WE COULD SEND SOME STAFFERS HOME REAL QUICKLY WITH SOME BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATIONS. WE'LL TAKE UP 131. WELCOME, MR. GREG GUERNSEY.

GUERNSEY: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. ITEM 131 IS A CODE AMENDMENT DEALING WITH SUBSTANDARD LOTS. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT WAS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO LOOK AT SUBSTANDARD LOTS AND JUST TO VERY QUICKLY REMIND YOU WHAT A SUBSTANDARD LOT IS. IT'S A LOT OR ATTRACT OF LAND THAT IS RECORDED BY DEED OR PLAT AND DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT AREA LOT WIDTH, LOT DEPTH REQUIREMENTS BUT DID COMPLY WHEN THEY WERE CREATED. THIS AMENDMENT, WELL, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD DO TWO THINGS. ONE, BASICALLY THE AMENDMENT WILL ALLOW ON A SUBSTANDARD LOT, THIS WOULD BE A LOT THAT'S LESS THAN 5,750 SQUARE FEET, AND FOR THOSE LOTS THAT WERE CREATED BEFORE MARCH OF 1946, DOWN TO AS SMALL AS 4,000 SQUARE FEET, WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ON A PROPERTY, ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE THE INCIDENTS THAT ARE OCCURRING IN THE CITY WHERE WE HAVE SOME SUBSTANDARD LOTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY COMPLIANT BECAUSE THEY'RE USED IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER LOTS, THAT IF YOU WERE TO, SAY, DEMOLISH A HOME AND YOU HAD TWO, SAY, 40-FOOT LOTS THAT ARE DEVELOPED THEY TOGETHER EXCEED 5,750 SQUARE FEET, BUT SEPARATELY THEY DO NOT AND THEY WERE AT LEAST 4,000 SQUARE FEET, THIS WOULD ALLOW YOU TO GO BACK AND REBUILD A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ON BOTH LOTS ONLY. SO THERE'S TWO THINGS THAT HAPPENS. ONE, IT WOULD ENSURE THAT IF YOU HAD SUBSTANDARD LOTS, THAT YOU COULDN'T BREAK THEM APART AND CREATE SUBSTANDARD

LOTS, LEGAL LOTS, AND BREAK THEM INTO SUBSTANDARD LOTS, AND THE SECOND PART WOULD BE THAT IF YOU DO HAVE A SUBSTANDARD LOT SITUATION THAT YOU COULD ONLY REPLACE IT WITH A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME. SO YOU COULD TEAR DOWN A DUPLEX, TEAR DOWN MULTIFAMILY BUT BACK ON THAT SUBSTANDARD LOT COULD ONLY GO BACK THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME. AS I SAID, IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. WE HAVE ONE CITIZEN HERE THAT, KAREN MCGRAW, THAT I THINK IS HERE JUST FOR QUESTIONS, HAS SUPPORT OF THE AUSTIN EDWARDS COUNCIL, SUPPORT OF SOUTH RIVER CITIZENS, SUPPORT OF HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE -- I HAVEN'T HAD ANY OPPOSITION THAT'S REALLY BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION FROM ANY OF THESE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS TO THIS REQUEST. THE ORDINANCE IS PREPARED AS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS READY FOR YOUR APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS TODAY.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU MR. GUERNSEY. QUESTIONS OF STAFF AND COUNCIL? COMMENTS? AGAIN, MS. MCGRAW SIGNED UP IN FAVOR AND SHE'S HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF NEED BE. COUNCIL MEMBER COLE?

COLE: YES, MAYOR, I HAD THE OCCASION TO HAVE VISITED WITH SOME OF THE HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOODS ON THIS ISSUE AND I LIVE VERY CLOSE TO THE AREA AND I'M FAMILIAR WITH IT SO I'LL MOVE APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLE, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE, AN EMERGENCY PASSAGE ON ALL THREE READINGS. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

GUERNSEY: THANK YOU, MAYOR. [INAUDIBLE] NEXT PRESENTED BY MARK WALTERS IN OUR OFFICE.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUP. I'M MARK WALTERS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. I'M HERE TO PRESENT TO YOU A CODE AMENDMENT THAT WOULD AFFECT THE UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY OR UNO. SINCE ITS PASSAGE IN 2004 THERE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST CAMPUS AREA AND AS MUCH AS WE TRY SOMETIMES, THERE ARE SOME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT WE DON'T FORESEE IN CREATING AN ORDINANCE, AND THIS IS PART OF A REVIEW DONE BY TASK FORCE OF STAFF AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO REVISE UNO TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT HAVE COME UP OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST TWO YEARS. THIS ONE TONIGHT SPEAKS SPECIFICALLY TO SIGNAGE IN THE WEST CAMPUS AREA, SPECIFICALLY IT WOULD ALLOW SIGNS TO PROTRUDE MODESTLY FROM THE FRONTS OF THE BUILDING, WOULD ALLOW SIDEWALK SIGNS, LIKE IN DOWNTOWN, AND IT WOULD PROHIBIT MONUMENT SIGNS, POLE SIGNS, ROOF SIGNS AND SIGNS LOCATED ABOVE THE SECOND FLOOR OF A BUILDING OTHER THAN THE NAME OF THE BUILDING. AND IT WOULD LIMIT THE SIZE OF SIGNS TO, I THINK, 100 SQUARE FEET IN ALL PARTS OF THE WEST CAMPUS AREA EXCEPT ALONG GUADALUPE STREET FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD TO WEST 29, ALONG WEST 24 FROM GUADALUPE TO LEON AND ALONG MARTIN LUTHER KING TO PEARL STREET IN THE ALLEY RIGHT NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PROPERTY, AND IT WOULD WEST 29TH FROM GUADALUPE TO RIO GRANDE. THOSE WOULD BE REGULAR SIGNS. ANYPLACE ELSE YOU WOULD HAVE TO LIMIT THE SIGN SIZE TO 100 SQUARE FEET. THAT'S THE END OF THIS -- WELL, ALSO WE'LL BE BRINGING TO YOU -- FORWARD LATER THIS YEAR A MORE COMPLETE PACKAGE OF REVISIONS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT I BRIEFLY GLOSSED OVER AT THE FIRST PART OF THE PRESENTATION. THAT'S THE END OF MY PRESENTATION AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM AT THIS TIME.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL?
COMMENTS? WE HAVE NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP ON THIS

ITEM, ITEM NO. 132. IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

IT'S READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, MY NAME IS GEORGE ADAMS, I'M WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. ITEM NO. 133 IS A PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 25-2, SUBCHAPTER E, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE DESIGN STANDARDS AND MIXED-USE. THE -- THE PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING DEALS WITH THE TIMELINE OR SCHEDULE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SUBMITTAL OF AN OPT IN, OPT OUT APPLICATION FOR VERTICAL MIXED-USE. WHAT THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW IS FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT SUBMITTED A VMU OPT IN/OPT OUT APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 4 OF 2007, WOULD ALLOW THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS TO AMEND THE APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 9, 2007. ALSO, IT WOULD DELETE A REFERENCE CURRENTLY IN THE DESIGN STANDARDS THAT SPEAKS TO A 45-DAY PERIOD FOR COUNCIL ACTION ON THOSE APPLICATIONS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND SIMILAR TO THE OTHERS IT IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. I'D BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. ADAMS. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? [INAUDIBLE]

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. ON ITEM 134 IT'S A HEARING THAT WE'VE ASKING FOR YOU TO RESET TO A DIFFERENT DATE. THE APPELLANT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE THE MEETING. APPARENTLY WE SET THE MEETING BEFORE WE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN AND WE HAVE TALKED TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION AND THEY'VE AGREED TO THE POSTPONEMENT AND WE'RE HOPING TO RESET THAT FOR AUGUST 23.

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO POSTPONE ITEM NO. 34 TO AUGUST 23, 2007. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE? OPPOSED? POSTPONEMENT REQUEST PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

MAYOR WYNN: ITEM 135. IS REGARDING THE --

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. MY NAME IS HEATHER COOK. I AM PLANNER PRINCIPAL WITH AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS DEPARTMENT. I'M HERE THIS EVENING TO PRESENT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ITEM NO. 25 RELATED TO THE ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE APPLICATION THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO OPERATE A NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSFER FRANCHISE WITHIN THE AUSTIN CITY LIMITS. NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSFER

PROVIDERS PERFORM NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSFERS BETWEEN NURSING FACILITIES, HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE HOMES. THESE ARE TYPICALLY PRESCHEDULED BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL. CURRENTLY ONLY TWO COMPANIES HOLD SUCH A FRANCHISE IN AUSTIN, AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MR, AND METRO CARE SERVICES. ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE IS REQUESTING A FRANCHISE THAT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING FRANCHISE THAT IS CURRENTLY HELD BY METRO CARE SERVICES. METRO CARE'S FRANCHISE WILL EXPIRE THIS OCTOBER. IF THIS NEW FRANCHISE IS AWARDED, METRO CARE WILL RELINQUISH ITS FRANCHISE AND TURN ALL OF ITS OPERATING ASSETS OVER TO ACADIAN ALONG WITH THE EMPLOYEES WHO WILL BE OFFERED EMPLOYMENT WITH ACADIAN. METRO CARE SUPPORTS THIS CHANGE. THE CURRENT MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF METRO CARE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR ACADIAN'S AUSTIN OPERATIONS. ACADIAN IS A WELL ESTABLISHED COMPANY WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD IN 33 LOUISIANA PARISH, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS. IT'S BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 1971 AND HAS BEEN NATALIE RECOGNIZED RECENTLY FOR HEROIC EFFORTS DURING HURRICANE KATRINA AS WELL AS BEING INNOVATOR IN THE EMS INDUSTRY. THEY'VE BEEN NATIONALLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL AMBULANCE ACCREDITATION SINCE 1995. IN ORDER TO VERIFY QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY ACADIAN, AUSTIN EMS STAFF SURVEYED 9 ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES AND 6 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN THE AREA. THESE SURVEYS SHOW SATISFY, IN AREAS OF RESPONSE TIME, QUALITY OF CARE AND PROFESSIONALISM. ACADIA IS CURRENTLY LICENSED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES AND THEY ARE IN GOOD STANDING TO PROVIDE SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF TEXAS. AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS STAFF AND THE AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD ARE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF THIS FRANCHISE FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, AND WE DO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACADIA HERE THIS EVENING IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MRS. COOK. QUESTIONS OF

STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? OTHERWISE WE HAVE NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK BUT WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES HERE IF THEY NEED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ?

MARTINEZ: OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A VERY INTEGRAL PART OR COMPONENT OF OUR EMERGENCY CARE SYSTEM. ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS MAKE A COMMENT AS IT RELATES TO SOME THINGS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL. WE HAVE THIS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO TRANSITION YOUNG ADULTS INTO A CAREER IN THE EMERGENCY CARE FIELD, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT MISSING ANY OPPORTUNITIES IF WE CAN USE THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO TRY TO FOSTER SOME OF THE -- THAT CONTINUING EDUCATION AND OR CERTIFICATION PROCESS BY PLACING SOME OF THESE STUDENTS THROUGH ACADIAN, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I WANT ACADIAN TO REFLECT THE VALUES AND POLICIES OF AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN BY ENSURING DIVERSITY IN THEIR WORK FORCE, LABOR RIGHTS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, WHILE I REALIZE IT'S A PRIVATE CORPORATION --

THAT'S CORRECT.

MARTINEZ: WE HAVE THE ABILITY WHEN WE FRANCHISE TO SCRIPT IT OUT HOWEVER WE WANT, AND I DON'T SEE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT NEED TO BE SPOKEN TO AT THIS POINT, BUT I CERTAINLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR VALUES CARRY THROUGH IN THIS AGREEMENT WITH ACADIAN.

VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS OF ARCADE YEAH OR STAFF? HEARING NONE, NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP ON ITEM 135 I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. [INAUDIBLE]

MAYOR WYNN: MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE SECOND

READING OF THIS PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED BY STAFF.

IT'S THE FIRST READING THIS EVENING.

MAYOR WYNN: I'M SORRY, FIRST READING ONLY. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON FIRST READING ON A VOTE OF 7-0. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR FINAL ITEM OF THE EVENING WHICH IS ITEM NO. 23. I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S PATIENCE TODAY. TECHNICALLY WHAT ITEM NO. 23 IS IS APPROVING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S ACTION PLAN REGARDING SORT OF OUR HUD PROCESS. WE'LL ASK MR. HILGERS TO, YOU KNOW, WALK US THROUGH WHAT THIS ACTION IS DOING TECHNICALLY. OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS HERE TALKING ABOUT SOME PRO AND CON BUT TALKING ABOUT THE SOUTHWEST KEY PROGRAM. I THINK WE'RE ABOUT TO HERE ABOUT IN A SECOND THAT TECHNICALLY IS NOT A PART OF THIS ACTION ITEM NO. 23 SO WE HAVE THE IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF MAKING SURE WE GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS WITH MR. HILGERS' PRESENTATION AND THEN WE CERTAINLY WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET INPUT FROM FOLKS ABOUT ADDITIONAL NEEDS THAT MIGHT BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. WELCOME, MR. HILGERS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. I AM PAUL HILGERS, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE ITEM BEFORE YOU ON ITEM NO. 23 IS TO PASS THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008. THE PLAN IS A ONE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN. WE ARE IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF OUR FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THIS PLAN OUTLINES THE COMMUNITY NEEDS AND HOW OUR DEPARTMENT IN THIS CITY WILL ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS THROUGH FUNDING, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. THIS PROCESS THAT WE ARE --

THAT CULMINATES WITH THIS ACTION TONIGHT IS ABOUT A SEVEN-MONTH PROCESS. AGAIN, WE'RE IN YEAR FOUR OF THE 2004-2009 PLAN. WE'VE HAD TWO ASSESSMENTS WITH MARCH 8 CITY COUNCIL, MARCH 18 WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THEN WE HAVE THE PUBLIC RESPONSE PHASE TO THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WHICH IS A 30-DAY REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD, MAY 4 THROUGH JUNE 5. TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD IN THAT PHASE, MAY 10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, MAY 17, CITY COUNCIL MEETING. WE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMENTS. WE WERE REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO ALL OF THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS IN OUR FINAL ACTION PLAN. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FINALIZED ON JUNE THE 12TH, AND THEN YOU WOULD TAKE ACTION TODAY AND WE WOULD SUBMIT THIS PLAN TO HUD ON AUGUST 15. AS PART OF THE PLAN, MORE THAN 70 OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS -- MORE THAN 70 CITIZENS COMMENTED ON THIS YEAR'S PLAN THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY. 67 OF WHICH WERE IN PERSON AT A HEARING OR AT THE MEETINGS. ON JUNE 12 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THE 2007-2008 ACTION PLAN WITH ONE AMENDMENT THAT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE BUDGET THAT WE PROPOSED, WHICH WAS A REDUCTION IN FUNDING FOR HOME BUYER COUNSELING FROM 408,356ED AND TO INCREASE THE RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT BY THE \$128,256 AND THESE ARE FUNDS THAT CAME FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND. A SECOND RESOLUTION THAT WAS -- EXCUSE ME, SECOND RESOLUTION FROM THE CVC WAS ADVISING CITY COUNCIL OF THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS OF PROGRAMS LIKE SOUTHWEST KEY AND FAMILY ELDER CARE, WHO WERE BOTH AGENCIES THAT CAME FORWARD LOOKING FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES DOLLARS RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THEY DIRECT STAFF TO EXPLORE CREATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDS BUT NOT TO USE CDBG DOLLARS THROUGH THE PUBLIC FACILITIES CATEGORIES AND YOU HAVE THIS IN YOUR LATE BACKUP AS WELL. AND SO THE PLAN AS IT'S SUBMITTED -- AS BEING SUBMITTED INCLUDES THE PRIORITIES OF HOUSING ESSENTIALLY, COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION, JOB CREATION AND PUBLIC SERVICES. SO THE DOLLARS TO BE SPENT,

WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF NEW FUNDING OF \$31.7 MILLION FOR THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WHICH INCLUDES 7.6 MILLION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, \$4.2 MILLION IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT, 329,000 IN THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT AND 947,000 IN THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS. THOSE LAST TWO ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AND THEN WE ARE ALSO PROPOSING 13.6 MILLION IN LOCAL HOUSING FUNDING FOR THE PLAN WHICH INCLUDES OUR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ALLOCATION FOR THE NEXT -- LAST YEAR AND NEXT YEAR AS WELL. AND THE USES OF THOSE DOLLARS ARE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 18%, HOME BUYER SERVICES 26%, OWNER OCCUPIED, WHICH IS REALLY REHAB, SERVICES WITH URBAN LEAGUE, ARCHITECTURE REMOVAL AND HOME PROGRAM OF 18 -- EXCUSE ME, OF 18%, GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF 12%, SMART HOUSING PROGRAM OF 2%, OUR HOMELESS SERVICES GRANT OF 1%, RENTAL HOUSING 29%, ASSISTED HOUSING IS SECTION 8, A ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF 6.5% FOR A TOTAL OF 31.7 MILLION. THE RESULT OF THE PLAN ACTION IS FOR STAFF TO MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION TO YOU. AS I SAID, NONE OF THESE BUDGET DECISIONS OF COURSE ARE FINALIZED UNTIL THE COUNCIL PASSES THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR BUT PART OF THIS PROCESS IS FOR US TO SUBMIT THAT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO BY AUGUST 15. I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT COUNCIL HAS.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. HILGERS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE ARE SOME FOLKS, WE HEARD SOME TESTIMONY TODAY AT CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. WE MIGHT HEAR A LITTLE BIT HERE THIS EVENING OF FOLKS WHO APPARENTLY HAD SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION TO THIS ITEM, ITEM NO. 23 APPARENTLY ALSO BECAUSE THEY HAD THE ASSUMPTION OR BELIEF THAT SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SOUTHWEST KEY WAS PART OF THIS ITEM, THIS ACTION THAT YOU JUST OUTLINED.

CAN YOU CONFIRM --

THAT IS NOT THE CASE, SIR. STAFF IS NOT RECOMMENDING

THAT WE FUND SOUTHWEST KEY OR ANY PUBLIC FACILITIES BECAUSE OF ITS PRIORITY RANKING IN OUR PLAN AS BEING REQUESTED BY SOUTHWEST KEY, THE \$800,000 IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, IF THE COUNCIL CHOSE TO DO THAT, WE WOULD REQUIRE AN AMENDMENT TO OUR FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN BECAUSE OF THE PRIORITY LEVELS. IT WOULD REQUIRE A REPROGRAMMING OF DOLLARS SHOULD THE COUNCIL CHOOSE TO FUND SOUTHWEST KEY OR ASK US TO FUND SOUTHWEST KEY. IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE US TO ISSUE A NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER ENTITIES, FAMILY ELDER CARE, I KNOW OTHER AGENCIES HAVE COME FORWARD LOOKING FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES DOLLARS, SO WE WOULD NEED TO CREATE A PROGRAM, ISSUE AN RFP AND SOLICIT THOSE DOLLARS, WOULD BE ANOTHER STEP THAT WE WOULD NEED TO TAKE IF COUNCIL CHOSE TO FUND -- ASK US TO PURSUE THAT COURSE OF ACTION. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS.]

Mayor Wynn: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hilgers. Further questions for Mr. Hilgers? Comments before we take testimony? Councilmember Martinez?

Martinez: Thank you, mayor. I just had one question, Paul. We have in the backup material a couple of resolutions in the CDC. Was the CDC asked to amend the strategic plan or were they simply asked to adopt -- was there a discussion of that nature or was this simply a motion that was made that the CDC adopt it and forward it on to us?

The CDC was asked to allocate funds to public facilities, from as I recall the request from southwest keys to allocate funds towards public facilities. And to put that into the plan is my understanding. And my recollection of the way that the public hearing process went forward. And so that's the way that I understand the request was made to the CDC.

Martinez: So did they take action on that request?

They chose not to amend the plan to change public facilities as a priority.

Martinez: So what they adopted was simply the resolution that's in

the backup?

Yes, sir, that's correct. Which was they're very supportive again. And I don't want -- I've said this publicly before. I don't want nobody a position of being in opposition to a program that we've invested almost a million dollars in and has invested time and energy and effort in a community that is in need of services that they're providing. But administering in program accord to go the federal regulations and requirements, these are the technical requirements that would be necessary for us to be compliant with the federal regulations.

Mayor Wynn: Councilmember Kim.

Kim: Mr. Hilgers, just to follow up on the requirements as a federal program. Do we do that on a regular basis, have a NOFA, even for this organizations that are already getting fund to go reply for funding?

Yes, ma'am. Right now we do not have a program for public facilities. That program was zeroed out and terminated prior -- with the funding for Southwest Key. So the last grant that we provided, the last loan that we provided to Southwest Key of \$377,000 prior to our 2004 consolidated plan, so we actually do not have an active program of public facilities that is funded as an activity in this consolidated plan. So we would have to -- and sense we had other nonprofits who came forward asking for that to occur, it is our judgment of staff that we would have to then offer this as a solicitation for other nonprofits who could compete for those dollars as well.

Kim: So what has happened with the CDBG funding over the past few years? In term of what we've received from H.U.D.?

This year -- in the last three years we've had a 22% reduction in the CDBG allocation that came to Austin. This year we're holding steady, so we're supposedly happy about the fact that we didn't get cut again this year. I guess that is true, but from three years ago, we have 22% less dollars in the CDBG program than we did three years prior -- actually, four years prior to this now because this next year's allocation was held at the same level as last year's allocation. So those dollars went down in that regard, if that's the nature of the

question.

Kim: And how did we handle that when we had the cut in CDBG? How did you or the CDC decide which organizations were going to get cut or which ones would be eliminated?

What we did was we shifted some of the programs internally around. We also, the council as part of the general fund AI case, we actually provided additional general fund dollars to support some of the public service to support actually some of the other housing programs, urban league for redevelopment, for rehabilitation. So with adjustments to the program priorities and funding allocations and rental, home ownership, down payment assistance, we just simply cut some of the dollars in the programs to accommodate that.

Kim: The actual dollars in the program?

Yes. As part of our annual planning process as we came forward.

But not necessarily cutting nonprofits?

That's correct.

Kim: Just cutting the amount of funds that were available in our different housing programs?

Yes, ma'am.

Kim: Available for individuals to apply for?

Yes, that's correct.

Kim: Okay. That's all I wanted to know. Thanks.

Mayor Wynn: Further comments? Questions for Mr. Hilgers? Thank you, sir. So at this time, council, we'll take our -- some public testimony on this item. And again, trying to stress, so a little bit of discipline here, that technically this item is for our annual -- the adoption and resolution adopting the City's annual action plan for these H.U.D. programs as outlined by Mr. Hilgers. And also as explained, there is not \$800,000 or any dollars for Southwest Key for their building program in this action plan that we have as an item of council. There's folks who have signed up wishing to speak and

they've signed up against. Some of them happen to be some of the same folks, for instance, who signed up and spoke at our citizen communication. I would -- with all due respect, I would characterize their testimony as being against Southwest Key. So I don't think they're here testifying against this H.U.D. annual action plan as presented by Mr. Hilgers, so I'd respectfully request that folks try to give their testimony about this H.U.D. annual action plan. This is an important process we go through to meet federal requirements in order to continue a broad series of programmatic spending items that we have throughout the community. Obviously if folks need to make some statements about their strong feelings about certain services that get delivered either in Austin or elsewhere in this country, I'm not going to keep them from doing that, but at some point I'll try to keep a level playing field and if there's a lot of sort of testimony against perhaps some practices of Southwest Key, I'm going to -- with consent of my council, I'm going to try to balance that out by calling on folks who are here obviously supportive of Southwest Key to essentially give us equal amount of testimony about Southwest Key. Recognizing that that's not what this item is. It's item number 23, resolution adopting the annual H.U.D. action plan as presented by Mr. Hilgers. With that, I'll start calling the citizens who have signed up sequentially to give us testimony on item number 23. Now, the first person, there's a typo on the screen and it doesn't have a -- it only has one name, I don't know if it's meant to be a first or last name, but the only name on here is it looks like SPROULL. If Mr. and Mrs. SPROUL would like to speak, they're asking to do so. If not, the next speaker is Kenneth KOYM. Welcome back. You've signed up to speak against item number 23, this annual action plan for our City's H.U.D. programs. You have three minutes. Welcome.

Honorable mayor, city council people, audience, I come before you again expressing a concern that this council do like the United States legislature in one kind of way. Mr. towns is concerned with poor performers not being refunded without understanding exactly who they are. Poor performers getting funded without ever -- in perhaps 30 years, funded one time, funded again, funded again and again and again. We need a process in this city council that has a way to review the applicant, to put that review into action in a way that the action plan -- when you pass upon it, doesn't leave any questions about whether that precedence of passing something today goes on and in some way let's a trickle of funds occur by a poor performer,

one, for instance, who may not follow Texas regulations, who may not follow educational regulations as set down by the southern association of colleges and schools. By the hospital and medical association he, JCOHA. And also, the ACA, which is concerned with facilities that hold people or have them present in schools. This is a very important process that we need to have the council pass upon and really look at the question of what is this process? Where are we going and who are we automatically passing a judgment upon and letting them continue to be funded and be a poor performer? I'm talking particularly about the July 18th U.S. hearing over sight of this kind of question with regard to funds and the use of federal funds. I appreciate the chance to come before you. It is essential that we the people right now, the citizens of this city -- [Buzzer Sounds] -- need to have -- the citizens of this city need to have a feeling that this council will weed out the poor performers. I thank you for your time.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Dan ARELLANO. He signed up against, as did Rita Gonzalez Garza. Welcome back Ms. Gonzalez-Garza. You will have three minutes.

Thank you. I guess based on the questions that you asked Paul Hilgers, I just want to clarify that if you approve the action plan, does the action plan include the resolution that asked for the city to find creative sources of funding to support projects like Southwest Key and family elder care? That's my concern. If it does, then I request that that resolution be removed from the action plan. Moisture mayor I'll get clarification from Mr. Hilgers. My understanding is this is a very prescriptive process that we've been going through for decade here in Austin. I'd be surprised if the action plan itself meeting all these federal requirements, even has the opportunity for attached resolutions or directions of staff to do anything other than these very specific programmatic dollars to be spent.

So by you passing item 23, it will not mean that the city is going to direct staff to research other finding sources for Southwest Key or family eldercare?

Mayor Wynn: There could be discussion on this dais, and we frequently take action as posted and then there's frequent conversation and direction from staff outside of that action saying could you please investigate any number of thing for us, report back to us in some period of time with your thoughts, but as posted, this item does not include resolutions or other additional direction. It

wouldn't be abnormal at all for any council colleagues to ask that certain things happen or come back to their office for action in the future. But the action posted today would not fund southwest keys 800,000-dollar request or anyone else's request for that matter.

Okay. And we are not opposed -- I, LULAC, is not opposed to the action plan that's being presented. Our concern was with -- if that resolution was part of it. If it's not, we have no concern with the plan. Thank you very much.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Councilmember Martinez?

Martinez: Again, I think the confusion lies with the resolution that the CDC brought before us. And it states that it recommends that the (reading). Now, that's just a resolution recommending that council do something. This council can do -- can direct staff at any time, with or without a resolution from a body. That's all this is is a suggestion from the CDC for council to direct staff. That's it. Now, whether this has any kind of enforcement mechanisms, I guess it's up to the council because it's a recommendation to the council to direct staff. So at any time council can ask staff to bring things forward like the mayor just suggested. I don't want there to be confusion over what's in this agenda item. Thank you.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you, councilmember. Next speaker is -- Councilmember Leffingwell, excuse me.

Leffingwell: I thought I understood, but I'm confused again. I think the action item is only to approve the action plan. It does not include any resolutions. That would have to be added to the posted item. Correct?

Mayor Wynn: Well, my understanding is this process that Mr. Hilgers has to follow, very prescriptive process, doesn't even have a format for there to be additional resolutions. It wouldn't be an be normal at all for this council to pass an action item, item number 23, and then to direct and/or ask the city manager, city management, city staff, to bring back products, to investigate opportunities, to come back with recommendations at the next council meeting, that kind of thing. But this very prescriptive, formatted action plan doesn't have a subsection B for attached resolutions.

Leffingwell: That would have to be added now or later?

Mayor Wynn: It would be an additional directive of staff. It wouldn't be added to this action plan.

Leffingwell: I understand.

Mayor Wynn: Our next speaker is Cynthia Valdez, who signed up wishing to speak also in opposition.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: I hope you're okay. You will be followed by Deanna CASTANEDA. [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

Mayor Wynn: Sure. If you're ready, why don't you take the podium and give Ms. Valdez time to collect her thoughts. You have three minutes. Welcome.

Okay. Originally my thoughts were having to do with weather -- that Southwest Key was coming for funding today, so I had prepared a statement in regards and representative of the national organization for women and also as a former school board member. But I truly don't have any problems with your staff recommendation. The only concern that I have is that we have public schools in Austin. We have a lot of schools that are underenrolled in East Austin. We have Johnston that might be closing. And if Southwest Key wants to do a cool, then they need to do something with AISD and put all of their people's energy to improving those campuses that have problems. Because the problems are not really Johnston, the problems are the elementaries. They feed the middle schools and they feed the high school. And Johnston is such a large facility that one of the plans for Johnston could include possibly having a middle school there in one of the wings because some of the wings are totally separate. I know the school because it was my campus while I was on the school board and my kids attend school there, so I know the building fairly well. So it occurs to me if you want to do a school, you need to do it in a facility that is already designed for that, that will allow gymnasium activities, recreational activities, allow an opportunity for music, band, the fine arts, all of those things,, but that's not what appears to be the issue here. This happens to do with these folks wanting some additional money to build a facility. We've already got facilities. I'm not opposed to having community activities where

parents can get training, where they can provide support in the community, to learn English as a second language or to learn Spanish or do community activities. Those are traditionally the thing that we need in this community. But what we do not need is a school when we have buildings. And we've got programs and if there was a plan to do a charter school, I would prefer to see East Austin -- this has been tossed about by he will con seeio and myself when I was on the school board that we should secede from the district. If AISD cannot provide us with a good educational program for our children, then we need to do something different, but a charter school in Austin, almost any charter school in Austin except for Kip, provide services that are minimal. The kids are not successful in charter schools in Austin. That's the history. And the history across the nation has been the same thing. So I really want you to remember what's implied here and what the actual job be of the council is. I know that you know that, but please remember that there's things out there that are resources in this community that -- [Buzzer Sounds] - - we need to better use. And I'm in favor of them receiving what funs have already done for the community, but definitely not for a school. Thank you very much.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Welcome. Welcome back.

You always do that to me. And I'm going, like, what, he wants to ask me a question?

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Welcome back Ms. Valdez. You would like to give us testimony? You will be followed by Gus Rodriguez.

I'm sorry, I missed the part of the meeting. I was told that -- had you given us some directions on to what we were supposed to do?

You're right. We had a presentation from Mr. Hilgers. Technically item number 23 is a resolution adopting the City's annual action plan for the programmatic H.U.D. programs and dollars that we allocate each year. A real formatted, practiced, prescribed program. So we're following that sort of federally mandated process to do that. Many people have signed up either for or against, but the evidence is essentially there's this debate, frankly, with all due respect, sort of for or against Southwest Keys certain programs or certain practices either here or elsewhere. So I'm asking people respectfully to give us testimony about our annual action plan for this H.U.D. programs that as presented has no programmatic building facility dollars for

Southwest Key. Southwest Key has been making a request of additional \$800,000 from us. Those dollars are not in this program. If they were to even be added to the program, we have the presentation that that would be a lengthy, frankly sort of complicated process to go back, reopen up public hearings, offer requests for proposals to other nonprofits if facilities even become a priority again. Right now they're not. Etcetera, etcetera. So I'm trying to respectfully keep the testimony on item number 23 to the business at hand.

Specifically to the H.U.D. plan.

Mayor Wynn: To the H.U.D. plan. We've had several public hearings along the way. Lots of input, very prescribed formatted input. I will with consent of my council, after we hear some testimony that frankly it does have somewhat of an opposing position to Southwest Key, I'm going to give folks that are here supportive of Southwest Key an opportunity to give us a balanced perspective as to what they do, even though again their dollars are not in this plan as presented before council this evening. So sorry.

So no dollars will be allocated for the community development plan that's been presented by Southwest Key, is that correct? You will open it up to public comment and we would come back again.

We would.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you very much for your time. I hope everything is okay with your accident.

Yeah. My daughter's car. [LAUGHTER] Mayor may I've got a couple of daughters. I don't like that. [LAUGHTER] Thank you, Ms. Valdez. Our next speaker signed up is Gus Rodriguez who in a similar fashion we actually heard from also today during our citizen communication. When it says against, I'm assuming it means for or against Southwest Key. That's not on the agenda. How about Antonio Diaz, signed up wishing to speak. Welcome, sir. You will have three minutes.

I just want to make sure that the action plan does not somehow allow those monies being requested by southwest keys to still get to them. So if that provision or resolution that was mentioned be stricken or

removed, that's my only concern. Thank you.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. As we heard Mr. Hilgers say on the dais tonight, this council could not even change that action plan and award these dollars to Southwest Key without first -- without first having Mr. Hilgers go through a very lengthy reupping of the public format, the writing of the priorities, the testimony from the public and then another presentation -- and likely an R.F.P. to other organizations and then brought back to council. So this is my understanding, Mr. Hilgers, is this council tonight could not even legally formally take that action. But having said that, if we would want to do that or perhaps more than likely, if there was the will of this council to try to find some funds for this request by Southwest Key, you likely come from a different sort of format or different revenue stream, there would then be plenty of opportunity for folks to come down here and testify either for or against whatever that action may be. I feel pretty strongly it's not likely to be as part of this annual H.U.D. action plan process. So should we want to do that for Southwest Key, you would have every opportunity to make sure that we heard your testimony and your thoughts about that. But thank you for respecting the item at hand. My hope is now that with the five folks who have given us some testimony again, and I'm very respectful of it, their perspective seems to be in opposition of the practices or concepts or products of Southwest Key here or elsewhere. You've had 15 minutes of testimony from folks who have signed up in opposition. What I'd like to do to balance this out is to now go start calling on some folks who are here signing up and they've signed up for. And just knowing some names and seeing what color shirts they're wearing, my understanding is they're here to show support for Southwest Key. So without objection, council, I'd like to call for the next 15 minutes, call up folks who are here wanting to show their support for Southwest Key. Frankly, probably independent of the actual item at hand, item 23, our annual action plan for Mr. Hilgers. So with that, the first person signed up is Mr. Rick (Indiscernible). I see Rick back in the audience. Welcome, Rick. You will be followed by Martha kiss kiss, who will be followed by Elizabeth Gonzales. Tanned and rested it looked like. Retirement is serving you well.

Thank you. I am rested. Good evening, council, I'm Rick, and with respect to your action item and with respect to Mr. Hilgers, I'm here on behalf of Southwest Key. I may bring a little different perspective to it. I'm a banker by trade and very conservative by nature, but I

have been in Austin for 20 years. My kids went through the entire AISD system. I've had the privilege previously of spending two years as chair elect to the greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and one year as chair. And at the chamber, although I don't represent the chamber tonight, we speak of investment and return on investment. And we are talking about a return on investment in economic development in the Johnston Govalle area. And with respect to Mr. Hilgers, I noticed that he has thrown up a mighty set of barriers to our resetting of priorities, which by the way does not include the Johnston Govalle area. We were talk being a former mayor, City of Austin, whose name is not Gus Garcia, another former mayor, who was telling us that his biggest failure as mayor was the fact that he did not act on poverty on the east side. All of you one day will leave the dais. And my hope for you is that you too will not lament, not regret the fact that you did not address the opportunity gap. We heard five or six years ago the city manager tell us that during bad times that there was a budget shortfall. More recently we have heard of another impending budget shortfall. During good times. Throughout all that the underserved community of the Johnston Govalle area continues on. So my hope for you is that we are really talking about a reordering of priorities. My dad grew up about 150 yards from the border in El Paso, in el barrio. And he taught his three sons that they should do the right thing for the community. He taught that there are net takers from the community and there are net givers in the community. And you by virtue of our time spent on the council are net givers. But we do have an opportunity to do the right thing in the Johnston Govalle area, and if necessary direct staff to find the funds if it is such an intractable negotiation. [Buzzer Sounds] That we should move on and redirect funds to the Johnston Govalle area and Southwest Key. Thank you, council. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Actually, with respect to the fact that we sort of somewhat limited the testimony from the other side to 15 minutes, I guess what I really should do is offer to Dr. Sanchez or to Sal or anybody here from Southwest Key the ability to send whomever up to give us some additional perspective or feedback about both Southwest Key and perhaps the H.U.D. format and/or more than likely what might be a forth coming request -- forth coming request or potential item.

Okay. We will also select our speakers to come forward and within 15 minutes we hope that we will have the number of speakers that we need to come forward. I wanted to come forward to share with

you and the council, Mayor Wynn, that the process for CDBG during the spring semester, Southwest Key was there the whole time, throughout the whole process. And there was a lot of community support that went out supporting the funding of and the completion of the Southwest Key facility and programs on the seven acres half a block from Johnston high school. There's a lot of support. At the last meeting -- at the last meeting there were -- the budget was at the table for the community development commission, your appointees to make a decision. They discussed it. There was a lot of discussion back and forth. We had the former mayor, Gus Garcia was there, and a lot of members from the community. The budget was discussed by the community development commission members. At the same time they passed one resolution and that resolution was to bring the budget to you tonight. The second resolution was to recommend to council to find creative ways to fund the project, the East Austin community development project. Those two resolutions are before you attached to this budget. If we don't consider one of the resolutions, then I don't know how you can consider the others. But that's for you to figure as far as the process. I will share with you that in regards to the second resolution, it was passed majority vote of the community development commission, passed the motion for recommending to council to find the funds to help complete this project in East Austin in the Johnston Govalle neighborhood. Whether it comes from this budget and the way it was laid out, obviously we do not recommend the budget as it is presented, obviously, because we believe that public facilities should be in there, not only for Southwest Key, but for other worthy organizations. So having said that, I'll share with you that we're asking, we are asking and recommending to council to approve the second resolution, which is to direct staff to find creative ways to help fund the East Austin community development project. With that in mind, I will ask different community members to come forward in response the 15 minute cap. Elizabeth Gonzales?

Mayor Wynn: Welcome.

Good evening, Mr. mayor, councilmembers. Thank you for having me here. I think most of you know me or know of me. And if you do know me, you know that I have volunteered in this community that I dearly love for over 30 years. In fact, I was here before you on behalf of Southwest Key just two years ago, and the reason that I was here is the same reason that I'm back tonight. I believe that if you know who I am, I am a conscientious and just person who really cares

about Austin. And I want you to know first of all that I am not being paid to be here, that I am taking out of my personal time and I would not be putting my reputation on the line if I did not believe in the Southwest Key organization. These -- this group of people can do so much, and we're going to do it one way or the other, but there is so much that they have addressed in the East Austin community that I think we're just so close to being there that it would really be a sin not to fund this program. I come back to you first of all to let you know that their mission has always been about children. To advocate for children, to impact children, youth and families so that they can succeed. And that mission continues to be the same. For the first time in East Austin we'll have a gathering place where residents can come and receive some of the following, and allow me to read some if you will. After school programs, tutoring, recreational programs, mentoring and internship programs, cultural and art programs, community literacy programs, quality education. A college prep charter school, S.A.T. and A.C.T. preparation, college preparation, financial aid workshops, summer tour for colleges, retention programs, G.E.D. and ESL instruction, citizen classes, job creation, home ownership, financial literacy classes, home ownership counseling. First time home buyer education. And a community technology center. Now, these opportunities as you well know are long overdue in East Austin. And it is within your power, councilmembers, and Mr. mayor, to assist Southwest Key complete the East Austin project by granting the resolution that was proposed by the CDC to fund -- to find those fund and make the dreams of this community and those children in East Austin. Have those dreams come true. And I ask your consideration for that. Thank you very much. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Welcome, gentlemen.

Councilmembers and mayor, I brought along one of our youth. I'm Johnnie Townsend and I belong to solid rock missionary Baptist church, which is within Johnston, Govalle terrace area. You've seen me before, Councilmember Dunkerley and also McCracken. And it's nice to see all of you. What I wanted to do was expose our youth also to this process to give him hope in his city that when we request thing that we are heard, contrary to what may be felt in our community. We hope that the council hears us and we've seen that the council has answered with funds to this program, which we believe is going to aid our community. So I wanted him to just say a

few things just to be a part of this process.

My name is Brynn Sullivan and I'm a member of the solid rock Baptist church and I think that Southwest Key will help our youth because our youth needs a lot of help. And you see that an adult -- you can use adults to help our youth, but there's not usually help to help the youth, and I think Southwest Key can aid and help the youth in Austin. And that's all I've got to say.

Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

And I would ask, council, that you and mayor, that you please, you've done it in the past. I ask you now to just find a way to fund this program. Don't delay it. We're anxious to get in it. We need to utilize these facilities. I understand this line item. And I would say this to this line item. I don't know if it is effective to it, but the community has been refaced. There are new beautiful homes, there's a whole new beautiful subdivisions, but I say this to you, that that is the face of the community. What we're talking about is the heart of the community and how this community is going to actually live and thrive. So what we're asking is sort of to do with what you're talking about, this item 23. So your priorities should also be as your building, to also build the hearts, the hope and the actual knit of the community. So I'm asking, not necessarily for this item, but it is tied to this item in that light. So I would ask that if possible -- I know it's more work for you, Mr. Hilgers, but you are city staff. [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE]

Good evening, mayor and councilmembers. My name is Paula KRIST and I pastor a church in East Austin. I am here on behalf of Southwest Key and I, hiki eliz bets, am not being paid to be here. As a matter of fact, we have church services tonight and be I've taken the time to come support what southwest keys is doing. I believe in what they're doing. Elizabeth is just reading my heart. My reputation is before you as well. I am in total support to come into agreement with Southwest Key in this program, what they're doing. It is a great thing. I was raised in East Austin. As a matter of fact, I went to Johnston high school, so I'm very familiar with East Austin, Johnston, Govalle, and I love the community. I could live anywhere in Austin, but my family and I have chosen to remain in East Austin because we are determined to make a difference. And I have made a decision, myself and our congregation, to collaborate with Southwest Key to make some great things happen for East Austin. East Austin

has a heart, and the heart of East Austin is to change the cultural mindset that has been set for so long. And tonight I want to ask you, councilmembers, to consider finding the means to fund what Southwest Key is doing. I will be actively involved in helping them fulfill the mission to change East Austin, to bring in great things for the people, for the children. Being a pastor, I sit with many, many families from East Austin. And I see the need of a charter school, I see the need for the mentoring programs. And we will personally send families there to Southwest Key. So I ask that you consider finding the means to fund what is needed to fulfill the mission that Southwest Key has been assigned to do. So I thank you for giving me this time, and I prayerfully ask that you consider finding the means. I just want to say one last thing. I'm really curious as to what the process would be for Mr. Hilger, no disrespect to him, what it would be to change this plan to make these funds available for Southwest Key? I'm just curious as to what the process is. Because what I'm hearing is it's a tremendous undertaking. Well, what is the process that would have to take place in order for these funds to be released? Thank you and God bless you. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: There's about three minutes left. Good timing.

Good evening, my name is Olga and I'm the executive director of FUENTE learning center. We provide programs for over 800 students and adults. And we address the hard to reach and teach students. So does southwest keys. We're very familiar with the hardships and the deficits of the immigrant population as well as the poor. I'm here in support of southwest keys programs and the quality of work, and I would like to request that the types of programs that they provide be also included in your annual action plan. We introduced southwest keys to Johnston high school many years ago. Southwest keys as worked really hard to work with with that community and be accepted by them. We have watched as the neighborhoods dreamed for solutions to their youth. Educational needs is becoming closer to becoming a reality. It was not easy when they first came in contact with southwest keys. They questioned them. Fact 1, Southwest Key is not in the business of detention, but they are in the business of providing alternative educational settings and outreach for youth who do not fit in the mainstream. With 110 Johnston 11th graders taking the 2006 reading TAKS, only 72% passing, we know that that neighborhood high school needs help from the outside. They need those mentors and tutorrings and so forth. Fact 3, public hearings surveys and

meetings have given housing a high priority. These are value priorities that should be based on adequate education. In order for them to be able to maintain that house they want and to keep that job that they really need. The Southwest Key program should be seen as an infrastructure for these communities. For these priorities that you have labeled as high priorities. What Southwest Key plans to bring to this depressed area is high expectations, educational support, job training, and opportunities to improve social skills, increase the volunteerism in that area and the enjoyment of the finer arts. Southwest keys presence in Austin is an asset that the city needs to nurture because they fill an important gap. Their reaching and teaching juvenile offenders on probation. Both southwest keys are successful programs that bring our youth hope in improving their education national quality of life. Just as we jumped on the bandwagon of the state-of-the-art Dell's Children's Hospital and the long performing art center, we also need to come together and champion to make Johnston Govalle neighborhood a hub of educational and social services and resources for the people of color. We ask you to favorably consider the southwest keys action plan and make it part of your action plan as well. And we're very pleased to have been here and been able to be partners in watching southwest keys grow as they're doing. Again, I also have for affiliation with them, but I do admire their work as well. So thank you and I believe I'm the last one, too. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor and city council, thank you -- can you give me a few minutes? Speaking for the community, I've been involved in my neighborhood, May my community for over 30 years now. And one of the reasons that I got involved in my community is because I wanted to be one of the voices of our community. Whenever I thought that the community needed support, I would be there regardless of my own personal feelings. And we have worked with this project for many years. And it's been a long hard struggle, but I know as an Hispanic and African-American community, things are not always easy for us. But today I do want to stand here in support of my community, not of an organization. I'm here in support of my community. To show support, our continued support for Southwest Key. And really today I could actually be here wearing two different shirts because I tried to get involved with the issues that are really -- that I know that really -- that I know are really critical to our community. Today I could be here like I am wearing Southwest Key T-shirt. I could also be here sadly wearing the family elder care shirt because these are two projects,

two organizations that are dear to my heart. And I know sadly both of these programs are just going to be at your -- in your hands to help us get support for these two programs. And again, thank you for giving us time. But again, I would like to show you the community of the Govalle, Johnston terrace neighborhood, would you please stand, all of y'all? This is our community. Clap chap. And we have people here also that only speak Spanish, so again, thank you very much for your time.

Mayor Wynn: Good timing. So we've -- obviously there's a tremendous amount --

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: My next comment, thank you, Susana. Obviously there's a lot of different community support here for Southwest Key. And frankly with all due respect there's additional concern perhaps about other programs and other challenge that they and other face. But I respectfully will now sort of call that square on the comments. Not specifically related to this action plan, but very much obviously the council gets the message that there's far more need in this community than these H.U.D. dollars will reach. So it's up to us to figure out what, if any, additional programmatic exercises we go through and formats we create for there to be more resources and more help for more people. I would like to ask if there are any citizens specifically to give us some testimony now on this H.U.D. action plan. And welcome Ms. Susana Almanza to begin that testimony. I saw Jennifer McPhail here earlier from adapt. I think Jennifer had to leave earlier. She was here to give us testimony about she's been very actively involved in this lengthy presentation now for years. Welcome Ms. Susana Almanza.

Good evening. I'm Susana Almanza with PODER, people organized in defense of earth and her resources. And I'm very concerned about the consolidated plan because we have not included public hearing housing in there. And also, we need to make sure that we create housing from zero to 50% median family income. In the past the majority of housing has been at 80% median family income and rental has been at 60 to 65% median family income. And so I think it's important that we also look at public housing for those people who are just living on Social Security or Medicaid. That's very important that that be included into this plan and that we need more affordable housing. (speaking Spanish). [Buzzer Sounds] [

APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Were there any additional citizen testimony regarding specifics of this action plan presented by Mr. Hilgers? Please step forward. And Mr. Hilgers, if you could be prepared to sort of summarize a little bit. There's a few more questions I think that arose during the testimony. Welcome.

We are one of those families. We went and spoke before the city council -- city staff when they would go to our east side meetings over in East Austin. And we live on a fixed income. I have a daughter who is terminally ill and we live on Social Security. And it would be difficult for us to afford housing on our own if we didn't have more affordable housing that would take into consideration that if you're a single parent with a child who will be handicapped for the rest of their lives, you will not be able to afford to live or pay rent unless you are in subsidized housing. That is really not the way we would like to go. We would like to, we would prefer to have other than living with my daughter, we would prefer to live in a house that is our own, that is -- we support adapt. My daughter is in a wheelchair. We would like to live in a house that's completely accessible to her in all the rooms. That is a difficult constraint, considering the budgetary limitations that you have to deal with. I thank you all for everything that you do. I hope that you can look to creating programs that will address the needs of our community in East Austin because we are a community that has historically not received the same kind of fundingisms and the same kind of programs that are available in other areas of the Austin community such as Tarrytown or Travis heights. Southeast Austin, circle C. I would hope that you would listen to everyone's concern here hearing that those needs need to be addressed. And that what we support is the city providing those services. If there is an ability to use H.U.D. funds to do that, then do that. But what we object to is corporate America coming into our communities and sitting there and preying on the hopes and dreams and frustrations and aspirations of our poor and those that feel powerless and are voiceless to effect change. And we do not support that. We do not support a corporation, private or not, that supports or practices detaining children. And I am going to only -- I'm going to end with that, but I want you to understand that those are two separate issues. The issue of what the community knees in providing for that is one thing. The issue of supporting corporate organization that is answerable only to a board of directors is another. We are here to support our city. We are -- just as we support our public school

system. We invest our time and energies in the public school system and in the city council that will be able to be held accountable to us -- [Buzzer Sounds] -- the people and the citizens and be the residents of this community. And have you our support. But understand, we have those same needs and those same concerns. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: So Mr. Hilgers, I remember you saying elements of this, so remind us again now what is the -- this actual action plan? What are the next steps until such time as it is approved? And I did hear the question one more time that I had asked earlier. If we wanted to try to propose facility dollars for Southwest Key or anybody else for that matter, what would that likely chain of events look like?

Mayor, the answer to the question unfortunately is a little complicated. And I'll try to be as clear as I possibly can. The answer is that the steps here are to adopt the annual action plan with whatever direction the council could give us. Then that's submitted to H.U.D. on August the 15th. If the council directed to us amend the consolidated plan, then that process would essentially start a public hearing process community development commission, public hearing, city council public hearings. We could put those on the agendas over the course of the next couple of months. And then identify the reprogramming necessary so that H.U.D. would actually accept our plan as submitted because if we submit a plan funding activities that are not high priorities, the threat is that H.U.D. would not accept our plan. I think it is only fair and appropriate to also be factual in that the other avenues that we have worked with and are continuing and would be glad to work with Southwest Key and family eldercare to identify funding to support their programs are really two sources of funding that are consistent with our priorities. One is the neighborhood commercial management program for which they already have one 600,000-dollar loan plus 660,000-dollar loan for, and if they're creating additional jobs, we had be glad to work with them to submit other application for another loan program of up to \$250,000, which is what our cap is, which could be matched with other dollars. The second source of funds, which is I know is in their master plan for long-term future is to address some housing in the future. And I'm frankly supportive of working with Southwest Key and family elder care in looking at different avenues to find housing dollars both in -- whether that's the general obligation dollars to support housing for people in the community to support what is their

long-term mission in this community. Those are different options that would not necessarily require an amendment to the plan to change public facilities as a priority. But specifically this action plan to be accepted by H.U.D. consistent with the five-year goals, would need to have that amendment process go forward. We could most likely expedite that process to be finished in mid to early October, to be consistent with the council budget processes and meeting schedules that have you. I think that would be very ambitious, but I think that that could be possible if that would be the direction that council chooses to go forward with. I hope that answers your question.

Mayor Wynn: Thank you. Questions plaintiff Hilgers, -- questions of Mr. Hilgers, comments? I'll just say that here for seven years I've seen this annual process work its way through both the setting of the priorities as a community and then the allocation within those priorities. I've also experienced and have testified several times trying to stop it, but have also seen these federal dollars consistently be threatened and fundamentally be dramatically measurably reduced over the few years that I've been here. So it's the same -- at a time when Austin's population continues to grow. So the dynamic we are faced, my perspective of my dynamic the last few years is with shrinking federal dollars, yet a growing population and disproportionate with that a growing local need within that growing population of this broad range of services, everything from English as a second language to transitional housing to services for folks with disabilities to re-entry programs to victim services, just all across the board, a very broad matrix of real heartbreaking community need. And so I would be very hesitant to derail where we are now and essentially where we are now is we have this very practiced community priority vetting process each year with smaller dollars each year. We're still trying to meet these existing priorities and we continue to tell H.U.D. and remain our five-year goals. I think it would be risky and I don't know the specific dynamics of the funding streams for any number of these agency who rely partially on these important dollars, but I think it would be risky for us to all of a sudden be four months late in getting our formal presentation to Washington when essentially we're going to be ready to go here in just two weeks in August. So I'll be very hesitant to derail where we are today. Having said that, I've been supportive in the past of both Southwest Key and some other creative ways for us to add sort of locally to what is this programmatic, prescriptive sort of federal process when it comes to these important services. So I'll just say

I'm going to be supportive of the action plan as presented. I just know how much time, effort and work has gone into it. At the same time, with the right creativity, the right synergy brought forth by staff and/or the community and maybe with a little bit of help from me and/or my staff and colleagues, I can very easily see myself be supportive of stepping out of the traditional box, the traditional role we've been playing the last couple of years and trying to come up with additional funds for what clearly are growing needs in a growing community. [APPLAUSE] Comments, questions? Councilmember Kim.

Kim: I want to thank southwest keys for what they've done and for our community. And I think it's really unfortunate that what's happened in other states is being confused with what their efforts are here in Austin because they do a good job and they really care about the youth especially. I'd like to work with them and see if we can find funding for this building, but also to build on our partnership with the city. So thank you for being here. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: Mayor pro tem?

Dunkerley: I too have been a long supporter of the programs that Southwest Key has brought to this community. In fact, I know at times I've gotten up at 7:00 in the morning to come down to a Saturday to watch a fun run type thing. So I hope you understand that I do support the organization and I support those after school activities and the other thing that you do. It is really a tough job to come up with \$800,000. Our general fund budget is really tightly constrained this year, as all of you know. It will be difficult because you would have to pull it from some other higher priority in order to do that. So again, I think the idea of looking at some of the housing that Mr. Hilgers mentioned or some of those type of things, hopefully will be helpful, but at this time I too am going to support the action plan as it is and just hope that we can come up with some innovative ways to continue the programs. So thank you.

Mayor Wynn: Further questions, councilmembers? Motion by Councilmember Martinez to -- technically Ms. Terry, are we going to close the public hearing now or are we simply adopting this resolution?

You're adopting the resolution. This is not a public hearing. You just

move this to 6:00 o'clock time certain.

Mayor Wynn: Okay. All right. The public hearings have already been held, correct? So motion made by Councilmember Martinez to approve item number 23 as posted, that is, the adopting of the City's action plan for fiscal year 2007-2008 related to the U.S. department of housing and urban development grant fund. And two, the community development fiscal year 2007-2008 program required by the Texas local government code. As presented by staff. Seconded by Councilmember Leffingwell. Further comments? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye.

Opposed?

Mayor Wynn: Motion passes on a vote of seven to zero. Thank you, Mr. Hilgers and thank you all very much for the additional feedback and challenge. For us to keep moving forward. Ms. Spence, I believe that's all of our discussion items we have posted. So council, we have one more -- and for the record, Ms. Spence, staff had pulled off items number 92 and 93, potential closed session items that we did not and will not take up. We are, however, still posted for and will take up item number 91, our final item of the day in executive session pursuant to section 551.071 of the Open Meetings Act. These are legal issues concerning the search for a new city manager. My instinct is we will be in closed session for perhaps an hour and then at some point here in the evening I will come back out just to announce that we have adjourned and ended this city council meeting. So we are now in closed session. Thank you very much. (End of Meeting at 8:15 p.m.)

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